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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Difficulties Ahead

IT has now been finally established that the Big Four foreign ministers' conference will begin on January 25, but while this renews hopes that some definite progress will be made towards composing East-West differences over principal European problems, it is well to appreciate what sort of difficulties will arise as soon as the four ministers find themselves around a conference table without any previously agreed agenda. Some of them are old and familiar. Throughout the long exchange of notes, the three Western Powers have held the "German Problem" must be solved in what has been called a logical manner. The objective is the making of a peace treaty with a reunited Germany. But a peace treaty can only be negotiated with a democratic all-Germany Government, and a democratic all-Germany Government can only be formed as a result of free all-German elections in conditions which can be regarded as free. This, incidentally, is the unanimous view of all parties in the West German Parliament, and it is a view which was expressed to the best of their ability by East German workers during the demonstrations last June.

THE Russians, on the other hand, if one understands them rightly, have been maintaining that the first step should be the negotiation of a treaty with a "provisional all-Germany Government" formed by some sort of merging of the democratic Government of West Germany and the Communist Government of the Soviet zone. Elections would come at a later stage. It must be admitted that if Russia adheres to this, it is hard to see how agreement is going to be reached. This is one difficulty which has been obvious for a long time, but there are now signs that there may be an earlier conflict of views—about the nature of the conference itself. The Western Powers have proposed, and the Soviet Government initially seemed to have agreed to, a conference which would be primarily concerned with Germany and Austria. Yet a more recent Soviet note appeared to envisage something quite different: it avoided any reference to such matters as German reunification, German elections, a German peace treaty, and all references to Austria.

ONE not insignificant aspect of the Russian references to the conference relates to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the creation of American bases in Europe. If this means that Russia is going to the Berlin conference to demand as a start that the Western Powers shall agree to the "elimination" of American bases and forces from Europe, the suggestion will certainly meet with a firm refusal. For it amounts to nothing less than liquidation of the whole NATO defensive organisation. It is noticeable also that the Kremlin has completely changed its tune on the question of a reunited Germany, clearly designed at trying to revive and rekindle Franco-German antagonism, and as an attempt to bring a weakening of Western unity. Thus the Soviet attitude so far expressed warns, against undue optimism, and it would be foolish for the Western nations to blind themselves to the possibility that the Berlin discussions may run into very heavy weather as soon as they have begun.

Eisenhower The Nation PROSPERITY TO BE SUSTAINED Administration's Accomplishments

Washington, Jan. 4.

President Eisenhower, in a radio-television speech tonight, said that the United States government will use every legitimate means available to it to sustain the national prosperity if this is necessary.

In an address to the nation on the eve of the opening of Congress to explain his general outlook, the President said:

"This Administration believes that we must not and need not tolerate a boom-and-bust America. We believe that America's prosperity does not and need not depend upon war or the preparation for war.

"We know that this great country can make the adjustments necessary to meet changing circumstances without encouraging disaster and without bringing about the economic chaos for which the Communists hope. Our system is the greatest wealth producer in the world—in terms of the life and the well-being of every citizen."

The President's speech was largely devoted to domestic matters and assurances to the people that the President has their welfare at heart and will promote measures to continue prosperity in the United States.

He appeared to be emphasizing this in the face of comment by some economists particularly those abroad and charges by some political opponents that the US is already in, or about to enter a period of economic recession.

Many foreign economists and businessmen are interested in the United States' economic outlook in the belief that conditions in this country, more than those in any other single nation, influence the free world's economy at this time.

The President listed 12 accomplishments of his Administration in its first year in office, among which he put foremost the end of fighting and casualties in Korea, and the strengthening of free world defenses against Communist aggression.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The 12 accomplishments were listed as follows:

1. The fighting and the casualties in Korea mercifully have come to an end. We can therefore take more satisfaction in other blessings of our daily life.
2. Our own defenses and those of the free world have been strengthened against Communist aggression.
3. The highest security standards are being insisted upon for those employed in government service.
4. Requests for new appropriations have been reduced by \$13,000,000,000.
5. Tax reductions which go into effect this month have been made financially feasible by substantial reduction in expenditures.
6. Strangling controls on our economy have been promptly removed.
7. The fantastic paradox of farm prices, on a toboggan slide, while living costs soared skyward, has ceased.
8. The cheapening by inflation of every dollar you earn, every savings account and insurance policy you own, and every pension payment you receive has been halted.
9. The proper working relationship between the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government has been made effective.
10. Emergency immigration legislation has been enacted.
11. A strong and consistent policy has been developed toward gaining and retaining the initiative in foreign affairs.
12. A plan to harness atomic energy to the peaceful service of mankind, and to help and the climate of suspicion and fear that excites nations to war, has been proposed to the world.

President Eisenhower added: "And there is still another accomplishment. Perhaps this one should more properly be called

the groundwork for an accomplishment. "It is the groundwork that has been laid by this Administration in the strong belief that the Federal Government should be prepared at all times—ready, at a moment's notice—to use every proper means to sustain the basic prosperity of our people.

"I therefore give you this assurance: Every legitimate means available to the Federal Government that can be used to sustain that prosperity for this purpose—will be used, if necessary."

"Since January 20 of last year we have planned and built the foundation for our forthcoming legislative programme, constructed under the aegis and purview of the President's message to you tonight."

"It is my legal duty to present this programme, in the State of the Union message, to your elected representatives, the members of the House of Representatives and of the Senate."

"It is their duty, in turn, to give it careful study, before taking action on its various recommendations. It is your right to give it the same thoughtful consideration."

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"When the State of the Union message is delivered to the Congress on Thursday, I hope you will agree with me that it presents an opportunity which will enable us, as a people, united and strong, to push ever forward and to demonstrate to the world the great and good power of free men and women."

"We will build a stronger and better America—of greater security and increasing prosperity for all."

FLEDGE APPROVED
Congressional Democrats voiced approval of the President's pledge to act promptly against recession if necessary. But they insisted that his plan was borrowed from the Democrats.

House Democratic whip John W. McCormack (Democrat, Massachusetts) echoed previous warnings from some Democrats that a recession is now "underway."

Republicans hailed the President's proposed programme as sound and said he has given the nation a year of "good government."

President Eisenhower told the American people that his State of the Union message will present an outline of the Administration's programme.

Addresses

Sydney Rail Disaster



Contorted with pain this woman passenger is lowered into the arms of rescue workers after the man had rescued her from one of the wrecked carriages in which three women were killed and more than 200 people were injured. It has been described as the worst accident of the New South Wales Railway. Two electric trains collided at Sydenham, suburb of Sydney, and an investigation into the cause of the disaster is proceeding.—London Express.

Search Begins For Fanged Ape People

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 5.

Twenty Special Constables with "bring them back alive" orders have been thrown into the search for Malaya's mysterious hairy fanged ape people—two men and a woman who appeared out of the Perak jungle on Christmas Day.

With rubber estate workers, aborigines and others they are maintaining a day and night search for "the things," as the strange trio are now referred to here.

The creatures, described as light coloured with long hair over their bodies and long fangs projecting from either side of their closed mouths, were first seen on the Trojak estate on the fringe of Malaya's biggest jungle reserve in Perak state. They have been reported seen since.

Today an atmosphere of fear was reported widespread among the entire labour force on Trojak estate as the fanged people remained uncaught.

At one stage the workers terrified by accounts of the ape people from colleagues refused to leave their quarters at all. Only the promise of guards surrounded them to change their minds.

Aborigines in the district have meanwhile been asked to contact and make friends with the creatures and try to bring them to the authorities for study.

EXPEDITION PLANNED
Pending the capture of the creatures, a museum anthropologist who is planning an expedition to try to track them down have asked that any footprints should be preserved until plaster casts can be made.

A new contribution to the mystery came yesterday from Mr. G. do A. Seiveling, Director of Museums, who is planning the expedition.

He said reports now being investigated revealed that similar creatures had been seen in Kelantan and Perak states in 1937.

Mr. Seiveling said the bushy and pronounced eyebrows and long fangs described as features of the ape people suggested they were the survivors of one of the earliest wandering tribes to come to Malaya. They had probably been driven deeper and deeper into the jungle as civilisation progressed, he said.

But he furnished the creatures had had some sort of contact with civilisation before they were driven into the jungle.

DARING THEFT OF US FEDERAL BANKNOTES \$160,000 Worth Replaced By Dummy Packages

Washington, Jan. 4.

A daring thief apparently stole \$160,000 in new \$20 bills from the heavily-guarded Bureau of Printing and Engraving here while security precautions were relaxed for the Christmas holidays, it was disclosed today.

H. J. Holtzclaw, associate Director of the Bureau which prints the nation's paper money, revealed that the \$160,000—in two packets of 4,000 \$20 bills each—had been replaced by two "dummy" packages containing blank paper.

Storms Bring Destruction To German Baltic Coast

London, Jan. 4.

Storm-lashed seas today pounded the entire German Baltic coast breaking dykes, flooding islands and villages in the coastal plain and disrupting shipping and land communications.

The seas whipped up by a north-easterly gale have burst through the dykes at several points between the Danish-West German and the East German-Polish borders.

Water is already lapping round the base of the Holsten-tor, famous landmark of Luebeck, West Germany's largest Baltic port only a few miles from the East German border. The Trave River there has reached its highest mark in 80 years.

Fire brigades are evacuating people from Luebeck's flooded streets and border police are using rubber dinghies to rescue refugees from a nearby camp cut off by the rising waters.

Islanders were being evacuated tonight from Fehmarn, Grausward and Stenwarder in West Germany and Hiddensee and Rugen islands in East Germany.

Hiddensee was almost entirely under water, but people and livestock were rescued in time.

DENMARK FLOODING
Flooding was also reported in Denmark. Some streets in Randers, North Denmark, are five feet deep in seawater.

But the gale has subsided in Sweden. Dyke watchers in Holland called off their day-and-night patrols today confident that the reinforced flood defences were secure.

Heavy snow fell at Ostern on the Belgian coast after a 60-mile an hour gale during the week-end.

In Britain a fierce northerly gale with snow and sleet squalls lashed shipping in the Straits of Dover and hurled heavy seas against the east coast flood defences.

Though flood warnings to vulnerable resorts were cancelled today when overnight gales eased, shipping in the English Channel and the North Sea were told that the winds were strengthening again.

Today's tides were not expected to be high enough to be dangerous for coastal towns.

The next real crisis will come with high tides due on January 10 along the east coast where 11 months ago floods killed about 300 people.—Reuter.

STRIKE ENDS

Paris, Jan. 4.

The mail strike which paralysed Paris deliveries for 13 days ended tonight when sorters and other postal workers went back to work in the capital's railway stations.

Work was resumed after the rank and file voted on a suggestion by their Communist and Independent Postal Union leaders.

The men had been on strike to have their Christmas bonus of 10,000 francs (£10) doubled and for better working conditions and increased salaries.—Reuter.

Dr Adenauer, 78

Bonn, Jan. 5.

The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, who led West Germany out of the ruins of war to economic well-being and a respected place among the Western nations, is 78 today.—Reuter.

He said the loss—if it turns out to be a theft—will be the biggest haul in the Bureau's history. He did not concede the money has been stolen, and said a thorough search will be made to see if it has been hidden in the building.

But U. E. Baughmann, chief of the US Secret Service, said that "it appears to be a theft."

He said the secret service has launched a full investigation. Mr Baughmann said the FBI has agreed to co-operate but has not yet been asked to join the hunt.

Mr Baughmann published the serial numbers of the missing bills, which were Federal Reserve notes intended for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. They were part of a \$83,500,000 shipment slated to be sent out tomorrow.

There was immediate speculation that the money was taken out concealed as a Christmas package.

SYSTEM RELAXED
Officials disclosed that although all packages going in and out of the money bureau are normally opened and searched, these regulations are relaxed during the Christmas holiday, when parcels may go in and out with merely a sticker.

The dummy packages—made up to look identical to a package of bills, complete with serial numbers, destination and all data—were discovered at 9 a.m. today in the Bureau's main vault—a 40-by-20 foot room with steel floors and a 16-ton combination lock door. The walls of the vault are lined with shelves on which packages of bills are stored.

Two stockmen loading the currency for shipment discovered the phony packages solely because they appeared lighter than the others. Officials were called and unwrapped the brown paper parcels to find neat blank bond paper cut in sizes of the missing bills.

Mr Holtzclaw said 25 to 30 employees may be questioned in connection with the loss. By late afternoon the Bureau had unwrapped and checked all Federal Reserve Bank notes for the New York and Boston Federal Reserve Banks and found no other bills missing. All the new money on hand will be checked the same way, officials said.—United Press.

DISAPPEARS
An Arrio, Texas, Jan. 4. A canvas bag containing \$75,000 disappeared from a commercial booth at the First National Bank today.

The bag was one of three set out to be picked up by an armoured car service for delivery to the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas, Texas.

When the armoured car arrived to pick up the money, one bag was missing. Dsie Smiley, vice-President of the Bank, estimated that the bag contained \$75,000.

City police, sheriff's officers, FBI agents and Texas rangers said they had found no one who knows anything about the money.—United Press.

Relief Fund Donations

A further \$9,303 for the S.C.M. Post, Ltd. Fire Victims Relief Fund had been received up to 10 o'clock this morning, bringing the total to \$511,837, plus £100 Sterling.

Cheques should be crossed and made payable to "The Shumshup Fire Victims Relief Fund."

It was announced this morning that this Fund will close at 12 noon on Saturday next, January 9.

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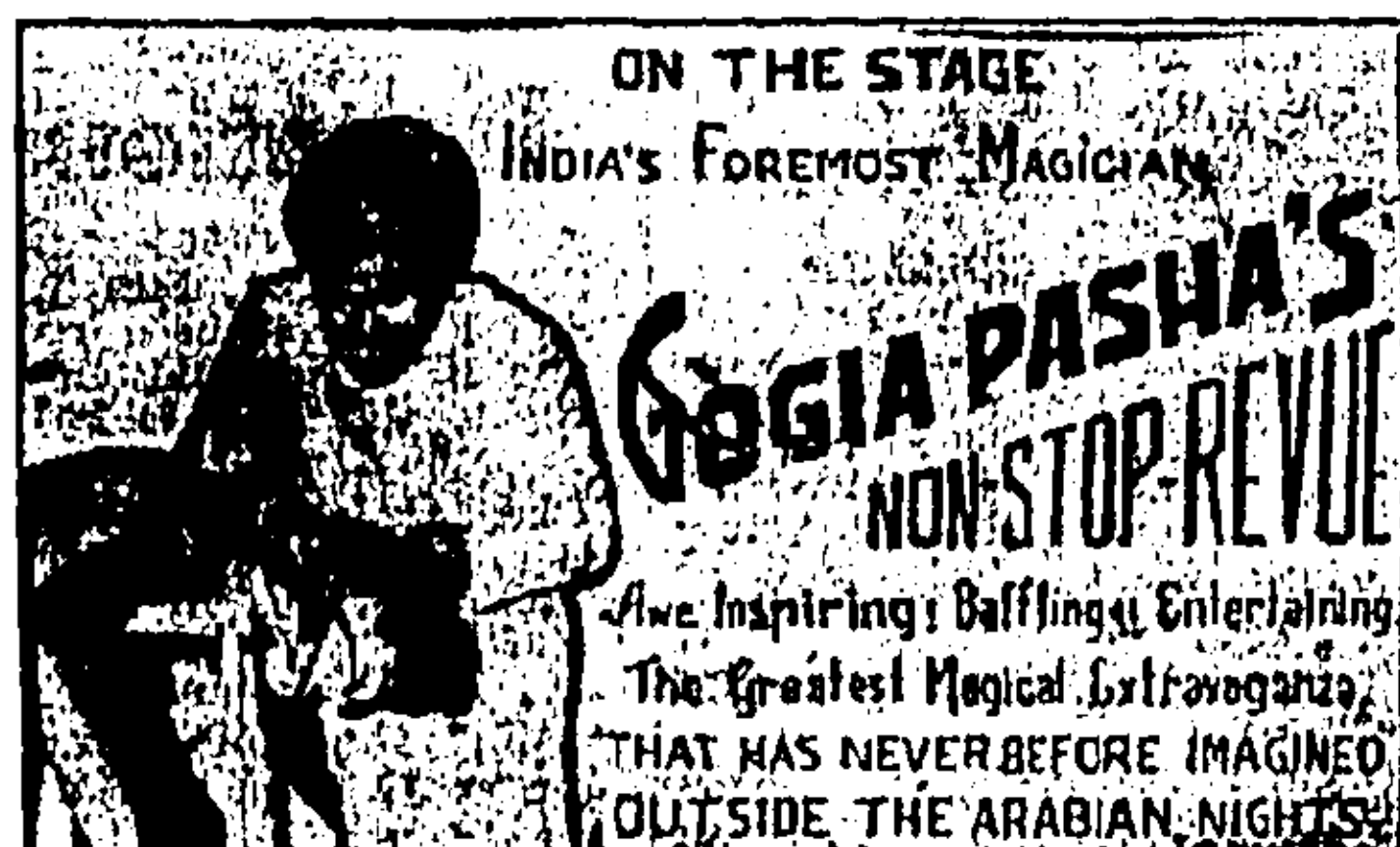


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ITALIAN CRISIS
YET SOLVEDPella To Have More
Discussions
With The President

Rome, Jan. 4.

The two weeks old crisis in the Italian Cabinet is still unresolved and after a meeting with President Luigi Einaudi tonight, the Prime Minister Signor Giuseppe Pella announced he would have further discussions with the President tomorrow.

It is believed that tomorrow he will take the revised Cabinet list with him.

Last minute disagreements tonight are believed to have prevented Signor Pella from resolving the crisis with a reshuffle of Ministers.

Policeman's
Record

Elizabeth, New Jersey, Jan. 4.

Police records show today that Patrolman Henry Miller started off the New Year by setting a record in the Traffic Division. Miller handed out 63 traffic summonses, mostly for over time parking, during an eight-hour tour of duty on Saturday—United Press.

Dog-Eating
"Monster"
In France

Lyons, Jan. 4. A dog-eating "monster" reported to be a bear on one occasion and a lion on another was being tracked by local gendarmes today after it had eaten the best part of four dogs in a rural area near Lyons. Tracks described as "very impressive" were discovered this morning leading to the Rhone River. On Dec. 30 the remains of two dogs were found a half mile apart in the villages of Batic-Mongasson and Corbodin. The next night the lethal "dog-fancier" came back and polished off the bones as well, and a night later, 12 miles from these villages, another dog was found half-eaten.

Yesterday a man fired a shot at a beast which had bitten his dog's throat but missed—France-Press.

St Laurent Not
To Visit
Australia, N. Z.

Ottawa, Jan. 4. The Prime Minister of Canada M. Louis St Laurent said today he would not visit Australia and New Zealand in his proposed around the world trip next month. M. St Laurent said he planned to make a special trip to the two Dominions some time after his return from the world tour. They were dropped from his itinerary because it would conflict with the current Royal Visit to Australia and New Zealand, he added.

He still planned to leave here on February 4 for London, then visit Canadian forces in North-western Europe and pay courtesy calls on the governments in Paris, Bonn, Rome, Karachi, New Delhi, Colombo, Djakarta, Manila, Seoul and Tokyo. The original plans for his trip included visits to Australia and New Zealand following his stay in Japan and Korea. The timing would have meant he would have been in Canberra while the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were visiting the northern part of Australia—United Press.

HENRY WALLACE SAYS:

Send U.S. Farm
Overflow To
Hungry People

Washington, Jan. 4. Former Vice-President Henry A. Wallace said today that as long as there was starvation anywhere in the world United States farm product surpluses should feed people abroad for at least a few years to come.

Mr. Wallace charged in an interview with the magazine United States News and World Report that if the present 80 per cent parity price system in Government farm policy was continued it would result in "an abnormal granary with supplies so large that the resulting situation might become a scandal."

Mr. Wallace said that there were many hungry people abroad who could use some of America's farm overflow. However, "we can't think... of taking on the burden of these needy people indefinitely." "But for the next few years certainly it would seem that where there's starvation these surpluses should be made available in some way," Mr. Wallace said. He thought that the Democrats "made a rather serious mistake when they turned down giving to President Eisenhower unlimited power to use these surpluses."—United Press.

Appointment Of
El Mufti
Not Confirmed

London, Jan. 4. Official circles here are maintaining a strict silence regarding the decision of the Governor-General of the Sudan, Sir Robert Howe, not to confirm the appointment of Ibrahim El Mufti as Speaker of the newly-elected Sudanese House of Representatives.

However, it is pointed out that the Governor-General's decision was supported by the majority of the Governor-General's Commission which is presided over by Mr. Mian Ziauddin of Pakistan. The Commission was created by the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement of February 12, 1953. It is also pointed out here that El Mufti had occupied a key post in the executive of the Achigou Party which is affiliated to the pro-Egyptian Nationalist Unionist Party. It would thus be difficult for him to show proof of the impartiality required by the post of Speaker to the new Parliament, it was suggested.

Despite the reticence on the subject generally, official circles here state that the decision was taken without consultation with the British Government and that the British Government had given no advice on the matter. It was added that a solution would have to be found and that without a solution the evolution of the constitutional process which was set afoot by the Sudan elections would come to a halt—France-Press.

NOT

Same Bike For
50 Years

Faarl, South Africa, Jan. 4. Mr. Patrick Ravens, aged 71, of Noorder Faarl, has ridden the same bicycle for 50 years. A cyclist since the age of 10, he had it specially built for him in Cape Town for £10 and 10 shillings sterling. Mr. Ravens claims to have cycled 450,000 miles in his lifetime.—China Mail Special.

U.S. Talks
On
Trieste

Washington, Jan. 4. Diplomatic sources said that the United States Ambassador to Italy, Mrs. Claire Booth Luce, had in full exchange of views on Trieste today with Mr. Julius Holmes, who is in charge of the Trieste problem at the State Department.

They understood Mr. Holmes was not able to tell her of any further progress at the moment in Belgrade in regard to the proposed five-power conference. They pointed to the fact that last week, when the Yugoslav Ambassador, Mr. Vindimir Popovic, saw the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, at the State Department, he asked if the United States had any new suggestions on Trieste and Mr. Smith replied there were none.

INTO ALL ASPECTS The sources understood the reason that Mrs. Luce did not discuss Trieste with the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, on Saturday was the fact that she wanted to go into all aspects of the Trieste situation with Mr. Holmes and then she would take the matter up again with President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles before her return to Italy.

The sources believed that Mrs. Luce is anxious for the administration to make up its mind about when the Anglo-American October 8 decision on Trieste should be implemented if the deadlock of a five-power conference continues much longer. This decision awarded Zone A of Trieste to Italy—United Press.

U.S. Protest
Against
Canadian Bid

Washington, Jan. 4. Four Republican Congressmen from Washington State protested today against a Foreign Operations Administration decision to allow Canadian mills to bid on an order for 10,000,000 board feet of lumber for shipment to Formosa. They said that Canadian mills, if allowed to bid, would get the entire order because of lower timber, labour, shipping and tax costs.

The protest was made by Representatives Russell V. Mack, T. C. Hollister, Thomas M. Foley and Jack Westland. "One reason American tax costs are higher," Mr. Mack said, "is that American industries and workers are taxed to provide funds for these foreign aid programmes whereas Canada which provides none of the funds apparently is to get a lion's share of the business."—United Press.

Methodist To
Visit
Ceylon, India

London, Jan. 4. Dr. W. E. Sangster, Minister of the Central Hall, Westminster, the Methodist's most important church, is leaving England on Jan. 12 with Mrs. Sangster for India and Ceylon on the first stage of a seven months tour. Dr. Sangster will deliver the Cato lecture at the conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia at Brisbane in May. France-Press.

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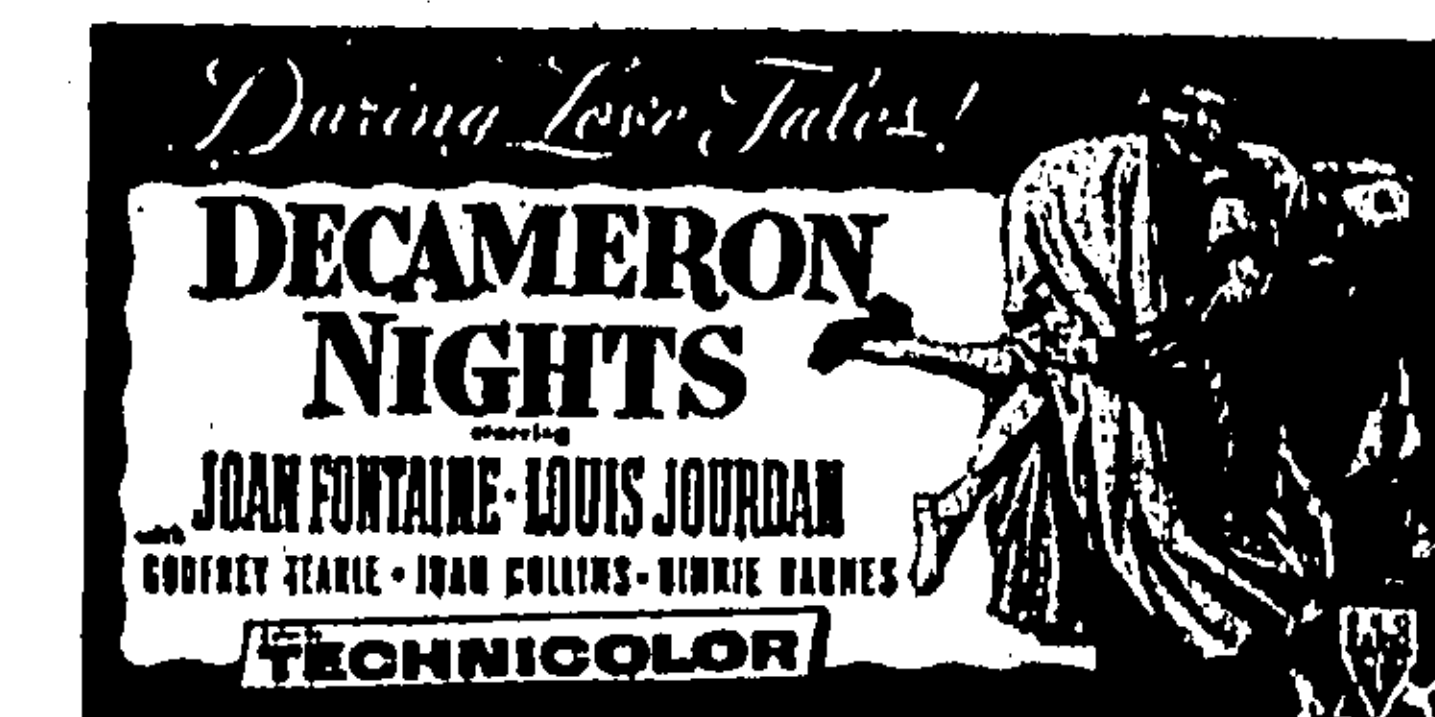
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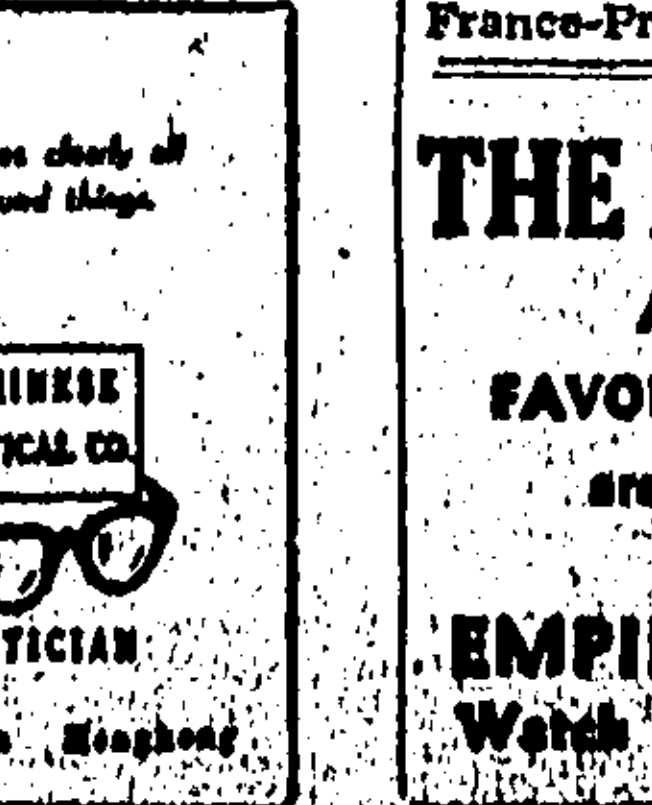
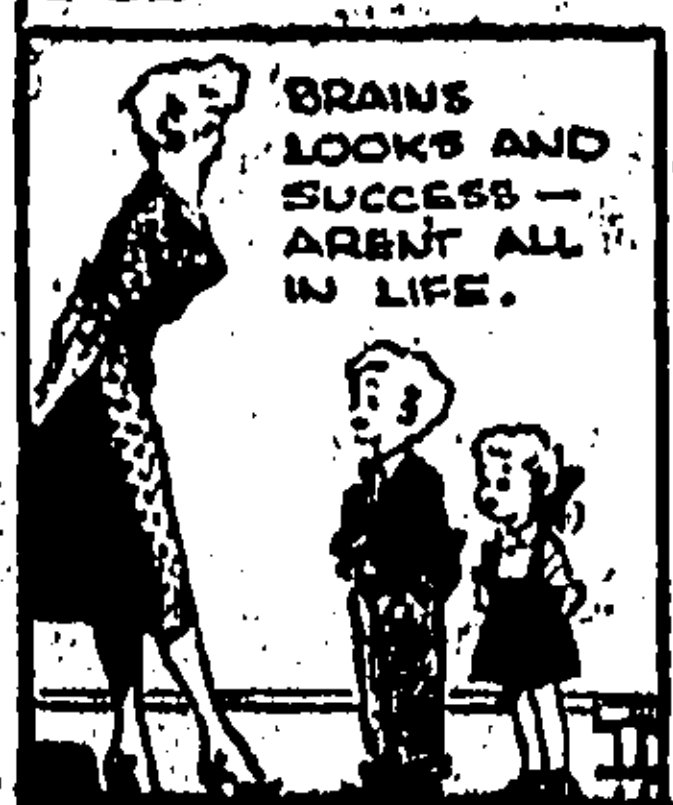


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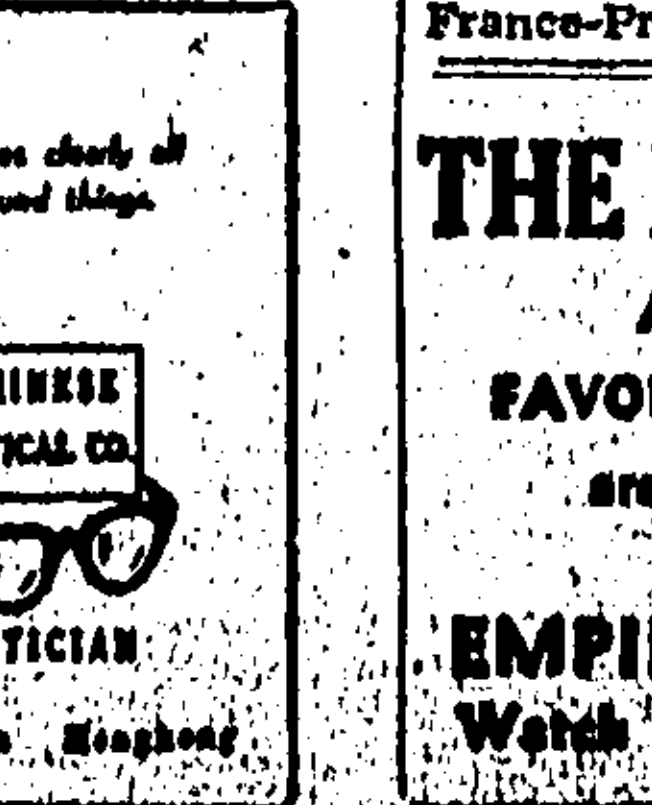
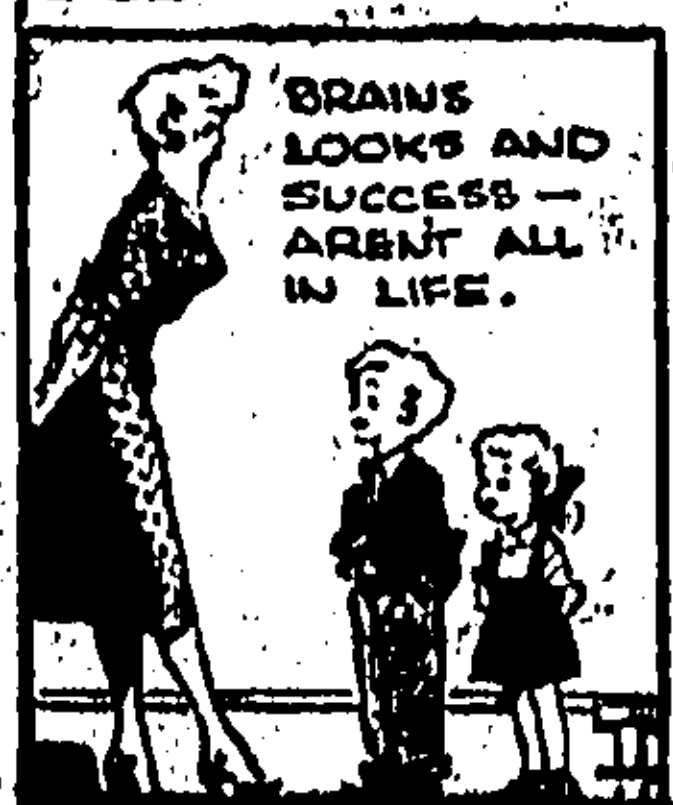
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UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION URGES:

"Asia And Europe Should Readjust Trade"

IMPROVE ASIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Geneva, Jan. 4.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe recommended today that Asia and Europe readjust their trade policies to relieve Europe's dependence on the dollar area and improve Asia's economic development.

In a 155-page study of trade between Asia and Europe, the UN economists urged readjustment of world trade and payments.

For many reasons, including the increased importance of the dollar area and the low level of United States investment abroad, the UN study states that a return to the "traditional" trade patterns of the 20's is difficult.

With the decline in demand for silk and with the problem of the future of rubber and tin, the prospects for any substantial increase in Asian exports to the United States are somewhat uncertain, and the extent of dollar earnings being spent in Europe depends on the ability of European products to compete in the Asian import market.

Nevertheless, the study offers a "desirable" adjustment to this state of affairs "on the basis of exports from Asia and the Far East to the United States combined with a smaller increase in imports from this source."

"The resulting dollar surplus could then, in turn, be used for larger Asian purchases in Europe, this contributing to a solution of Europe's dollar problem," it said. The extent of the dollar earnings spent in Europe would depend "on the ability of European countries to supply the Asian needs at competitive prices."

SIMULTANEOUS SHIFT

The study further proposes an increase in Europe's own dollar earnings in the United States and the rest of the dollar area with a simultaneous shift in European imports of raw materials from dollar sources to Asia and the Far East.

"From the point of view of trade expansion, national policies in Asian countries for the encouragement of investment into new or widening avenues rather than simple substitution for existing foreign investment would appear to be more constructive," the study said.

The study believes that there is considerable room for such shifts.

"The possibilities of increased exports of fats and oils, oil-

seeds, tobacco and cotton to Europe appear to be considerable and the longer term prospects appear to be fairly good if increased production and reduced costs in Asia are achieved."

Although Europe has provided markets for nearly one-third of the exports from Asian countries and has supplied them with a similar proportion of their imports, "trade with Asian countries has accounted for a relatively small share—about seven per cent—of the total exports or imports of European countries," the report said.

25 P.C. DECREASE

There has been a decrease of some 25 per cent in the volume of Western Europe's imports from Asia (not counting Japan) as compared with the pre-war level, it said.

On the other hand, "Western European exports to these Asian countries exceeded the 1938 level in 1952, an increase of approximately two-thirds since 1938."

The leading European trader, generally accounting for about one-half of the total trade between the two regions, has always been the United Kingdom, followed by France, Germany and the Netherlands.

JAPAN'S POSITION

They point out that the post-war position of Japan, an Asian country but a direct competitor with Europe in other Asian markets, has considerably changed.

"In the pre-war period about two-thirds of the Japanese foreign trade was with Asia and the Far East and over 60 per cent of this was with China and Korea. By contrast in 1951 China's share of Japan's trade declined to less than one per cent, and the resumption of this trade is dependent upon political developments."

"In all cases the problem is to seek a sound basis for developing future trade between the two regions."

The countries, included in the study are:

Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, China, Federation of Malaya, Hongkong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Nepal, North Borneo, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sarawak, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.—United Press.

FORGET U.S. SLUMP

London, Jan. 4.—The Secretary-General of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, Mr. Robert Marjolin, writing in the January issue of Lloyd's Bank Review, said Western Europe should cease being so preoccupied with a possible American recession for such preoccupation was tending to paralyse its initiative.

This warning, which has startled the City of London, comes as the conclusion of an extended review of the current efforts of the OEEC to strengthen West Europe by enlarging its "common market."

He writes: "One of the difficulties which will have to be overcome before complete liberalisation can be achieved is the unwillingness of some countries to dismantle their protective systems because of their fear of the consequences of an economic recession in the United States."

REAL DANGER

"The point may be made at once that there seems at present, a very real danger that constant pre-occupation with the possibility of an American recession may entirely paralyse Europe's initiative and prevent any further progress."

"And it should be made clear that the most important step that Europeans could take jointly to soften the shock of an American recession would be to enlarge and consolidate the common market in Europe. If each country of Europe tried to protect itself by erecting barriers against its neighbours, there could be little hope for any of them."

"Unless there were in Europe a wide market fairly free from restrictions, we could not hope to maintain a high level of employment in the face of an American recession."—United Press.

Bridge On The Moon, He Says



Dr. H. Percy Wilkins with his 15-inch telescope who said that astronomers have spotted a huge bridge on the moon which looks like an engineering job. The bridge is 20 miles long and 5,000 feet high, and spans a gulf between mountain ranges 6,000 feet and 10,000 feet high. But there do not appear to be men on the moon after all. "The bridge, in, of course, not man made" said Dr. Wilkins, "though the span is 20 miles the arch is probably only two miles across." The explanation? "A meteorite might have crashed through a molten-lava barrier and as the barrier solidified an arch was left."—Express Photo.

Wrote To China For His Son's Release

Oklahoma City, Jan. 4.

A 70-year-old American missionary who spent 30 years in China and who wrote to the Communist Government recently in Chinese, appealing to the authorities to release his son, today heard his son had been released.

The Rev. Kiehn said that he had written to the Chinese Government appealing for the release of his son, a businessman, Arnold M. Kiehn, although he doubted the letter had any effect.

His son had spent 34 months in prison. "I wrote them a message in Chinese urging them to release him," he said. "I told the Communists I was getting on in years and needed him. I told them if he had done anything wrong I would discipline him."

The missionary said that his son formerly worked as a liaison officer for the Nationalist Government before the Communists moved in.

The Rev. Kiehn said that by releasing him, the Chinese considered they were "severely punishing" his son by deporting him.

"The Chinese consider deporting a man extremely severe punishment. In other words, he is so unworthy to be in their honourable country, he is degrading it," he said.

"We usually send a guard along as far as the border and the guard instructs his prisoner, 'Now, stay out of China forever.'"

"Of course, we naturally thought nothing better had happened," the Rev. Kiehn added quickly. "We hope to get our boy back to this country as soon as possible. He's in bad shape physically."

Nixon—"I Did Not Issue Invitation"

Washington, Jan. 4.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon said today he did not issue any invitation to a 12-year-old Iranian boy to visit the United States.

Mr. Nixon said he had not issued an invitation to Sassanpour Etzadi, 12, to come to U.S.A. for three months as a reward for thwarting an alleged Communist plot against the Vice-President during his recent visit to Tehran.

The Vice-President said he knew nothing of the boy's alleged exploit until he read about it "somewhere" and some time after leaving Tehran.

A dispatch from Tehran quoted an official announcement as saying that the boy was preparing to go to the United States at Mr. Nixon's invitation. United Press.

Colourful Countess Dead

Hollywood, Jan. 4.

Countess Dorothy di Frasso, friend of the late gang leader Bugsy Siegel and international hostess for film stars, died today aboard a train en route from Las Vegas, Nevada.

The body of the American socialite, daughter of the late multi-millionaire Bertrand Taylor, was taken from the Union Pacific train to the Coroner's Office.

The Countess was travelling alone in a roomette, but had boarded the train with a friend, actor Clifton Webb. A spokesman at the Coroner's Office said she was carrying \$250,000 in jewels.

For decades a newsmaker with her adventures in the society and film circles, the Countess had been tried in Sunday at a star-studded party at the Hotel El Rancho Vegas in the gambling capital.

Producer Tom Douglas was host at the event and the guests had included Marlene Dietrich and her daughter, Marie, Eva, Clifton Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Van Johnson.

Webb said he discovered the body of the 60-year-old case society figure when the train approached Los Angeles.

"I went to her roomette to see if she were awake. I shook her and immediately saw something was wrong," he said.

The Countess lived in New York at the Hotel Lexington in recent years. She is survived

by a brother, Bert Taylor, former President of the New York Stock Exchange, now living in Paris.

Her life story was more colourful than many movie scripts. She was the top Hollywood hostess of the 20's and 30's and entertained celebrities at her palatial Villa Madama in Rome, which she later sold to Mussolini. Her name was often linked with that of the late Siegel but she always insisted they were "just friends."

Webb said he believed she died of a heart ailment. He said she had been the victim of heart spasms recently.—United Press.

COMMONWEALTH TOLD TO USE U.K. MONEY MARKET

Sydney, Jan. 4.

British Treasury official, Sir Leslie Rowan, today invited Commonwealth countries to exploit to the full, the London money market. He said there was no competition between it and the International Bank for raising loans.

He gave this assurance to delegates from nine countries who are preparing for Friday's Commonwealth Finance Ministers' conference here.

This first day's discussions, held behind closed doors, concentrated on the problems of Commonwealth development and the need of capital investment throughout the Empire.

Official sources said the experts urged greater efforts this year to increase the tempo of development in many Commonwealth areas.

Pakistan and Ceylon delegates today queried the "criteria" or terms on which money could be obtained from the International Bank for development purposes.

Dr. Roland Wilson, Secretary to the Australian Treasury and Chairman of the meeting, told delegates that a shortage of trained specialists in industry was still the greatest barrier to Commonwealth development.

The overall picture from the first day's meeting is one of confidence, but delegates from Ceylon in particular said the need for overseas capital in their country far outstripped the capital available.

They said the slump in export prices of rubber, tea and coconut and the rise in the price of imported foodstuffs had forced their government to abandon its food subsidy programme.

The flow of capital to Ceylon was falling further and further behind the country's needs and precipitating an economic crisis. A drafting committee of delegates from Ceylon, Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand was formed to prepare a paper on developmental problems for presentation to the Finance Ministers' conference. Mr. Douglas Abbott, Canadian Finance Minister, said tonight "there is no sign of any change in the business climate in Canada or the United States."

He said there had been encouraging headway in removal of trade and currency restrictions in sterling area countries.—Reuters.

U.S. Senators Question Soviet Clerk

Montreal, Jan. 4.

United States Senate investigators finished questioning the former Soviet code clerk, Igor Gouzenko, about spies in America today and prepared to head home to Washington without divulging what he said.

Senator William Jenner (Republican, Indiana), chairman of the U.S. Senate Sub-Committee on Internal Security, Senator Pert McCarran (Democrat, Nevada) and two aides met Gouzenko yesterday and today while Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superintendent J. R. Lemieux listened and other Mounties stood guard outside.

Most Canadian sources believed the visiting Americans got little out of the former Russian Embassy employee that he has not already told the RCMP and, through them, the U.S. government. It was expected an announcement promised by the Canadian Government for later this week, would gloss briefly over the meetings and hint that Gouzenko told the Americans more about his plans for turning spies into turncoats.—United Press.

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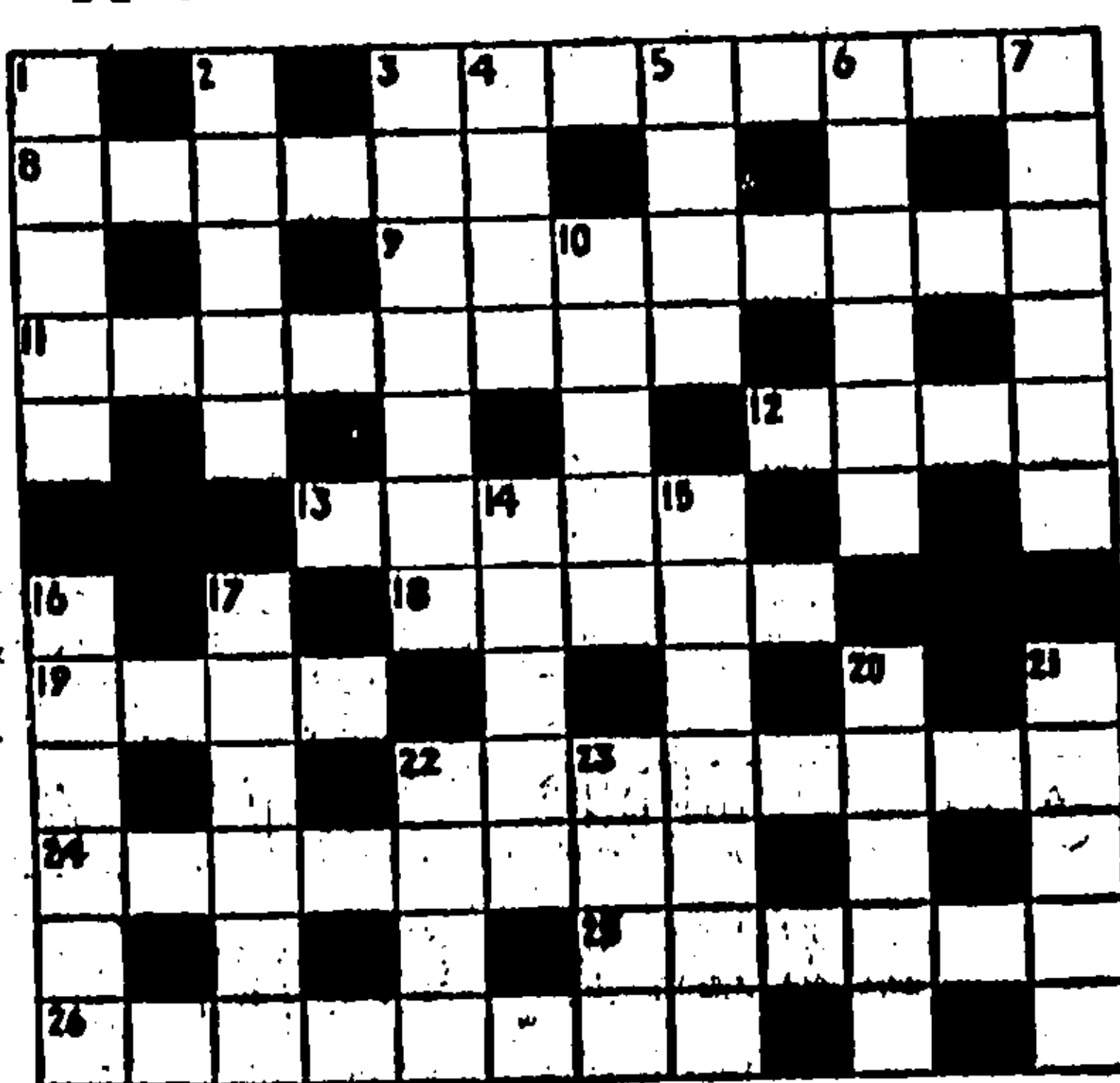
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Dirty (8).
 - Walk feebly (8).
 - Lively (8).
 - Artists (8).
 - Attitude (8).
 - Tangles (8).
 - Welcome (8).
 - Burden (4).
 - Punishment allotted at trial (8).
 - Ghostly (8).
 - Road (8).
 - Sequel (8).
- DOWN
- Arrests (5).
 - Denude (8).
 - Charlading (7).
 - Kind of eagle (4).
 - Edges (4).
 - Heavenly body (8).
 - Eluded (6).
 - Angry (5).
 - Command (8).
 - Determiner (7).
 - Clutches (8).
 - Photographic apparatus (8).
 - Proboscis (8).
 - Hostile state (8).
 - Animal (4).
 - Back of the neck (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Captured, 7 Eager, 8 Assembled, 10 Flank, 15 Sincere, 16 Hood, 17 Impends, 18 Helms, 20 Acid, 21 Erratum, 26 Galore, 27 Inspires, 28 Prior, 29 Hamilton, Down: 1 Keeps, 2 Again, 3 Crane, 4 Team, 5 Rib-bon, 6 Breed, 9 Strive, 11 Loner, 12 Acid, 14 Emerge, 15 Regal, 16 Colour, 18 Rapt, 19 Lacerate, 22 Raps, 24 Topic, 25 Merry, 26 Tilt.

A TOUGH YEAR FOR THE COMMUNISTS

By JULIUS GOULD

Lecturer on Sociology at the London School of Economics

THIS year 1953 has been a tough one for the Communist machine. Old frauds have been exploded by events; new frauds have borne less fruits than ever.

Take some big examples. First, an old fraud—the lies about "germ warfare" in Korea. Remember the Communists' line on this? It was their main theme song for months on end. It was the big lie technique on a global scale. Every third-rate Communist speaker, every gullible fellow traveller, knew Moscow's "evidence" by heart. It was a massive attempt to reduce world opinion—an attempt that failed.

Now that the Communist war in Korea is over, we can see what Moscow's "evidence" is really worth. From the prison hells of North Korea, British and American prisoners of war have been released. And with them they brought the truth about "germ warfare": the truth about "excesses" extorted by Communist guards; the truth about brutalities rarely equalled even in Hitler's war. The "germ warfare" charge is now seen as the degrading nonsense it always was.

Another example: Take the latest phase of the Soviet "peace" campaign. For months Moscow played a typical double game, but at no point has the strategy of expansion been discarded. The old line of subversion was still being emphasised at the WFTU congress in Vienna in October.

On Offensive

The underground war of infiltration goes on. The Moscow-inspired Communist parties are everywhere on the offensive. But at the diplomatic level the Soviets have talked of "peace" and "negotiation". And the more they talked about "negotiation", the more they refused to negotiate on any specific issue.

By late November the farce had played itself to a stupor. The Russians had stalled too long. World opinion was hardening against them. So they changed their tune and agreed to Four Power talks. Is this a new stage—or just a new tactical fraud? The year 1954 may give the answer.

On the Communist home front, in Russia and Eastern Europe, there has also been a change of tune. But does it

mean a change of heart? See how things have gone.

In February, Stalin was alive and Beria a pillar of the regime. The world was being told of the nameless crimes "admitted" by the Moscow Jewish doctors. But Berlin was under arrest. And what of the Moscow doctors? Well, they are now free, upright citizens who had been "illegally" induced to confess. For the first time there was an admission that Soviet "justice" is interpreted by the Secret Police, had miscarried seriously. And with this admission yet another Secret Police chief has been vanquished in the Moscow struggle for power.

Stalin's heirs dropped some of his craziest plans and promised, unambiguously, that a "new course" was imminent. For example, when the Moscow doctors were released, we heard a lot about the secret liberties of the Soviet "citizens" of the need to safeguard them. It is now clear that this, like the promised large-scale amnesty, was propaganda to impress opinion at home and abroad. In essence, nothing has changed. The Secret Police remain under new leaders; the Communist Party, in alliance with the police and the army, maintains its iron grip.

Unchanged

So also with the "sacred principle of collective leadership" of which we are told so much. Stalin's worship has ceased, and we now hear of the virtues of "collective" rather than "individual" leadership. Yet what can "collective leadership" mean so long as the framework of the Soviet State remains unchanged, with power in the hands of the self-appointed few? Here again, as with "civil liberties", it looks as if verbal promises merely cloak the same old grim realities.

And how grim Stalin's Russia seems to have been! Vast differences to consumers' required tastes; rigid orthodoxy in culture and the arts—all this is now officially revealed. Few would envy Malekov the social tensions he inherited. The satellite States, too, have troubles galore throughout the

year. Tyranny, bad administration, grotesque economic "planning" have brought Moscow's puppets a load of headaches.

We heard the first rumblings in 1952 when the Czechoslovak Communists made Slansky and "the Jews" the scapegoats for their own economic bungling. By June 1953 the rumblings had become a thunderclap. Pizen (Pilsen) on June 1 was the scene of a big riot staged by Czech workers against their masters. A fortnight later, on June 17, the East German workers rose in a courageous but costly revolt which was put down by Soviet tanks.

Root Causes

Could there be clearer proof of the loathing with which Moscow's dupes are regarded—or of the true value which the Kremlin places upon the oft-used phrase "national independence"?

The executions, arrests and reprisals go on in Eastern Germany; but they ignore the root causes of the June 17 revolt—food shortage, fuel crises, exasperation beyond measure with the ruling clique. June 17 was a warning signal that Stalin's policy throughout the satellites was leading to economic ruin and political chaos. So the brakes were put on.

While yielding nothing of their political power, the Communists in Eastern Europe are frankly admitting appalling mistakes in the economic field. In East Berlin, in Prague, in Budapest, Communists (not "Fascists") admit that the collective farms were forcibly organised; Communists admit that industry is "bureaucratic and inefficient". In Hungary, they even admit the use of concentration camps! And have come out plausibly in favour of the "rule of law".

In the domestic, as in the foreign field, the frauds of the decade have been recalled on the Communist Powers. The new "easy" policies reveal the tensions created by the old. Surely 1953 stood out as the year when these stresses became unbearable. And who can believe that they have gone for good?

IT'S SUMMER ON THIS STREET

From William Hamsher

Bremen. THE "street of perpetual summer" is here—the first heated thoroughfare in Europe.

And it is gaining almost a monopoly of Bremen's shoppers. Its designer, 33-year-old Herr Martens, a gas engineer, said that he is certain the idea can "with a little development be applied to clear even London of smog, fog and mist."

The real name of the street is Sow Street, and it was once part of the town's medieval cattle market.

As Herr Martens and I talked, women shoppers entering the street suddenly stared upwards as they felt the sudden warmth, and to a pavement audience he explained the whole thing. The heat comes from gas burners overhead. They have new ceramic elements which, without flame give off heat rays. It is a vast improvement over the old-fashioned gas fires, he says.

I took my hat off under one of the burners. After a few

minutes I felt I was standing in Middle East sunshine.

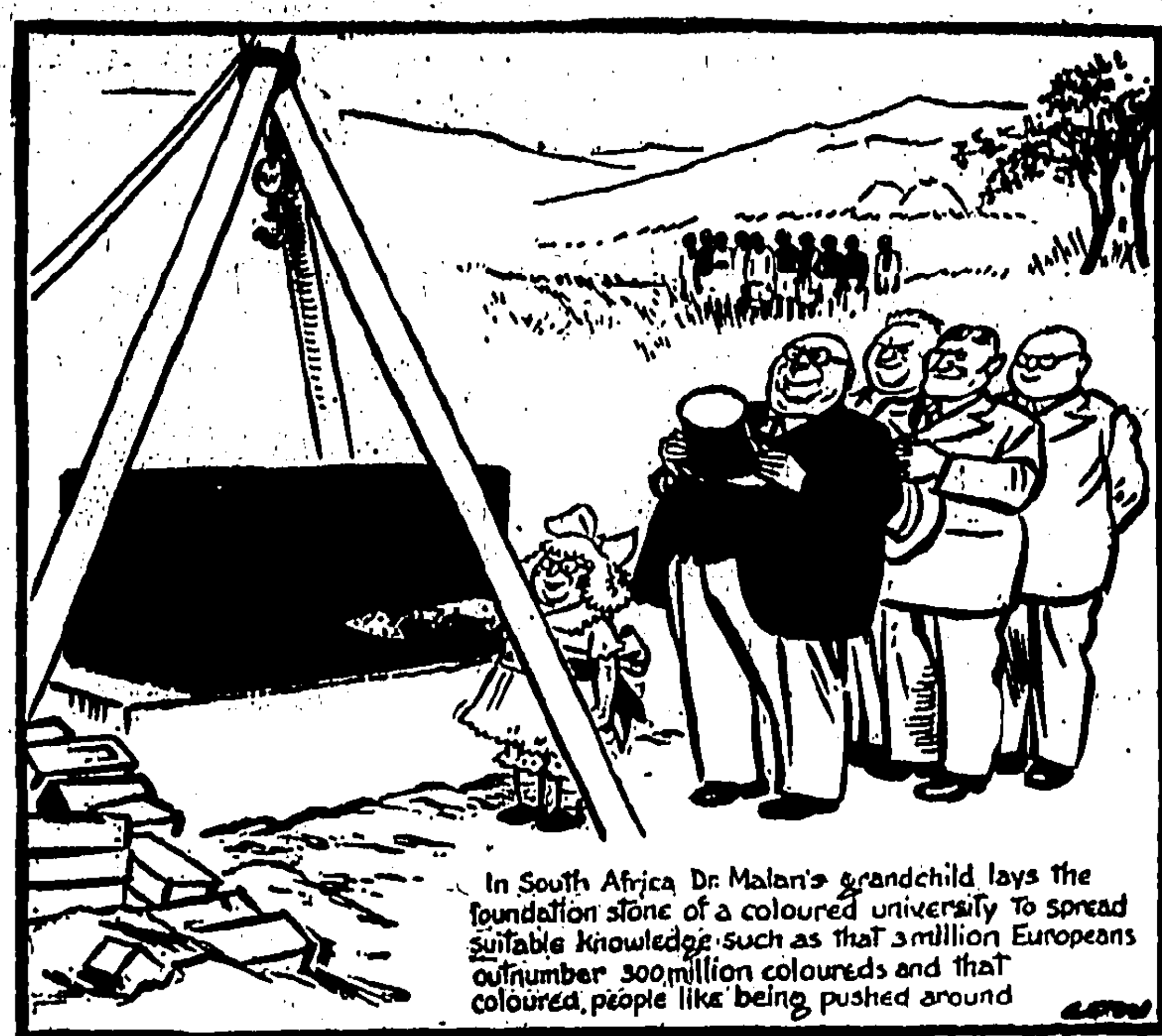
Along came the Bremen family Lubbering. Frau Lubbering in a fur coat, and two and a half-year-old Gabriela in a fur-tipped hood. They gazed up astonished. Off came fur coat and hood.

Along came girls in sleeveless jumpers, quite happy to window-gaze on this cold day with their overcoats over their arms.

In Bremen, Herr Martens can obtain unlimited gas at 2d. a cubic metre. Sow Street, with burners every ten yards of its 60-yard length, costs 2s. 6d. an hour to heat.

At a height of 8ft. the burners shed their warmth over a radius of ten yards. Herr Martens would like to export his experiment to Britain. "With my apparatus shoppers could walk in everlasting sunshine in Central London," he said.

One difficulty Herr Martens has not yet resolved: How do you avoid colds when you finally step outside the heated zone?



OLD LOW'S ALMANACK

PROPHECIES FOR 1954

In South Africa Dr. Malan's grandchild lays the foundation stone of a coloured university to spread suitable knowledge such as that 3 million Europeans outnumber 300 million coloureds and that coloured people like being pushed around

The Stuff That Britain Breeds

I WISH THE CYNICS COULD HAVE BEEN WITH ME THAT NIGHT IN BURMA

By JOHN DEANE POTTER

THIS is as good a story as I have ever heard to uplift the hearts of Britons as history turns the page of Coronation Year.

It is no less of a tale because it concerns the death of a man called Earl Wavell, who was killed on Christmas Eve.

I wish the cynics who criticise the British Army could have been with me one night in Burma in 1944, when I first met Archie Wavell.

He had arrived only that day by plane from India. He sat silent in the bamboo hut filled with zooming mosquitoes which was a Chinthee mess.

While he ate his corned beef from a tin plate he read a copy of T. S. Eliot's verse.

It was from here that the planes and gliders flew in to the Wingate jungle fortresses astride the roads and railways in Jap-occupied Burma.

The volunteer

AN officer had just flown back from the beleaguered citadels of White City and Broadway in the middle of Burma. He told the tale of the constant savage infantry attacks made by the Japanese on our positions.

The gingery, jut-jawed young major looked up from his book and asked: "What is it really like?"

The officer from the jungle replied: "Extremely noisy. Why do you want to know?"

Said the major: "I'm flying in tomorrow officer sympathised with him and said: 'I can't think why you're going. They've got all the majors they want there at the moment.'"

The major replied shyly, "As a matter of fact I volunteered. I dropped a rank in order to get in. I'm going in as a captain."

He then shut his book and walked out towards his tent. The other officer tipped down a tin mug of rum and lime and said: "A man like that ought to have his head examined."

A colonel looked across and said: "You know who that is, don't you? It's Wavell's son." His father was then Viceroy of India. Two days later Captain Archie Wavell had his hand blown off fighting the Japanese. Now Archie Wavell—Earl Wavell since his father died three years ago—has been killed fighting the Mau Mau in Kenya.

The fighter

If there was ever a man who could have had a cushy job in the Army it was Wavell. But on Christmas Eve, while other people were drinking and enjoying themselves, he was fighting

a ten-hour battle against Mau Mau terrorists. He was leading the patrol of his old regiment, the Black Watch, when they came under heavy fire. Earl Wavell was shot dead.

And with him the proud title Wavell of Cyrenaica, created for his soldier father seven years ago, disappears.

For 37-year-old Major Earl Wavell of the Black Watch was unmarried, and there are no heirs.

The title started when his father, with a sprinkling of men and outnumbered five to one, sent Marshal Graziani's Italians scuttling across the desert of Cyrenaica in North Africa.

He was created an earl after he was recalled from his post as Viceroy of India by the Attlee Government because he sat grinning in his red stone palace in New Delhi refusing to give India away without proper safeguards.

The poet

IT was characteristic of him that when Mountbatten was appointed to do the things he had refused to do he never gave his point of view.

He was, after all, a disciplined soldier, whatever office he held. But there was a similarity and an unorthodoxy about both the Wavells, father and son, which made them the type of soldier which no other country but Britain produces.

The military swagger was missing; they never wore uniform if they could help it. They seldom talked about their real job, which was fighting.

There were other interests closer to their hearts. In the case of the Wavells it was poetry.

Young Wavell carried a volume of T. S. Eliot with him. His father always had a book by an older poet called Browning.

Field-Marshal Wavell published an anthology of verse called "Other Men's Flowers" in 1944. When did he compile it? As a relaxation during some of the bitterest days of the war.

The golfer

WHEN they were not reading poetry in their leisure moments, both father and son wrote verses.

But this was not the only similarity between them. They were both called Archibald. They both went to Winchester and entered the Black Watch. Field-Marshal Wavell lost an eye at Loos and won the M.C. His son lost a hand in Burma and won the M.C.

Major Wavell took a year off to complete a biography of his father before he died on Christmas Eve. He never finished the story of the man he so much resembled.

Neither allowed his disabilities to become a handicap. Just after the war they won a father-and-son golf competition. And they only had three eyes and three arms between them, right.

The younger Wavell played with a special hook and handuff on his left hand.

They both came from a unique line of British soldiers who have run like a golden thread through the pattern of our history. There have been Wavells in the British Army for many generations and Field-Marshal Wavell's father was a general.

It was Wavell senior who listened carefully to a long-haired, starchy-eyed officer called Orde Wingate, who propounded the then ridiculous idea of leading columns into Burma after the Japanese had occupied it.

The adventurer

I WAS in New Delhi at the time and the future seemed black with swarming Japanese. High-ranking officers at C.I.H.Q. did not even bother to talk about Wingate's crazy plan. Wavell told him to go ahead with his Chinthees.

Who came to Imphal on the Burma border to see us Chinthees off on our first forlorn expedition? Field-Marshal Wavell.

Wavell understood Wingate because he was the sort of eccentric adventurer—soldier which the British Army produces in surprisingly large numbers every generation.

Wingate always carried a Bible and a volume of Greek verse in his pocket. That was the sort of soldier Wavell appreciated.

When Wingate returned to propound his theory of the jungle fortress, it was Wavell who listened.

Wingate's idea was to land large airborne forces across roads and railways in Burma to paralyse the Japanese communications. They would travel and be supplied entirely by air. The field-marshal saw the sound strategy of it. His son saw the high adventure. He flew off to join the embattled Chinthees.

Field-Marshal Wavell realised the expedition would be easy. But then Wavell knew that things were never easy when you went to war.

He himself had waged several bitter losing battles, the sort of battles which would have ruined the reputation of any other general.

But the whole Army realised if anyone could have won these battles it would have been Wavell.

The Earl

AFTER this he took on the greater battle of his life, the Viceroyalty of India. It brought him an epiphany. But the earldom which began on a battlefield in Africa had ended on another African battlefield.

No one would have understood better than the first earl why his only son died on Christmas Eve doing his duty.

For he once published a poem called "A Sonnet for the Madonna of the Cherries." Its last two lines—
For all that loneliness, that
Blessed Madonna, I go back to
right.

The President of the Methodist Conference begins to catch up with the Archbishop of Canterbury in hitting the front-page headlines.

SOPER'S SOAPBOX

By MARY HEWAT

LONDON'S most promising newcomer in the battle for the headlines is a challenger in the People's Oracle class. Dr Donald Soper, 60-year-old president of the Methodist Conference, earns bigger and blacker type by speaking his mind.

In the past few months "Soapbox" Soper has hit the front page by criticising: THE QUEEN (for going to the races), PRINCE PHILIP (for playing polo on Sundays), THE A R M Y (in Kenya), GAMBLING (anywhere), and by revealing that he has worn his bathing togs to church under his suit.

(He has been saying similar things for about 25 years—but less publicly. Now in newspaper libraries he has graduated to the large size cutting envelopes—still columns behind the Archbishop of Canterbury, who rates 11 envelopes, but soon due for a box to himself.)

Why does Dr Soper lay down the law on every subject from horses to hanging? What does he hope to gain?

"I don't expect people to agree with me," he says. "I don't mind being attacked. But don't tell me these things are not my business. They are. Church leaders are supposed to lead. If they expect me to keep my mouth shut, they've got the wrong man."

Likes a fight

Dr Soper has been opening his mouth in public exhortation with such enthusiasm that a singing voice which started as a tenor has now become a deep bass.

He is a big man, athletically built, with greying hair, horn-rimmed spectacles over penetrating grey-blue eyes, and a colourful taste in clothes (yellow waistcoat, red and yellow silk tie).

He decided to be a preacher when he was 13. "Pure conceit," he says. "I thought I could do the Lord a good turn."

He likes a bit of a fight. He admits that he feels "a certain unchristian glow" in getting the best of an argument with his hecklers at open-air meetings.

His preaching is forceful. Young political candidates have been advised to listen to him, "not to learn what to say, but how to say it."

Early this year forces met force. Two of Dr Soper's opponents knocked him off his platform at Hyde Park Corner—and paid £1 fines for the privilege.

Pie in the sky

He is a Socialist and a Pacifist. His views are usually extreme.

On the Church in Politics—Those who tell the Church to keep out of politics are nonsense. Religion is not pie in the sky when you die. To make the Kingdom of Christ, things must be done at the political level, or they will not, in measurable time, be done at all.

On Capital Punishment—The Christian Church should condemn this archaic and unchristian-like example of barbarism.

On War—I would rather see a world overrun by Communism than third world war. And I don't Communism.

On Vice—Christians should not be surprised if a mixture of paganism and national con-

scription have weakened the resistance of many young people to temptations which otherwise they would have resisted.

On Smoking—A messy habit and a waste of money. I used to smoke, but I gave it up—I don't enjoy it.

On Drinking—I don't think alcohol is the Devil in Solution, but it causes a great deal of misery. It is no use saying "it is all right in moderation." Shall we have arsenic in moderation and murder in moderation? A thing must be intrinsically good to be all right in moderation. Wine is just the juice of the grape gone bad.

On Dancing—Can Christians dance? As one cleric said, some can, and some can't. I don't think dancing in moderation is to our sexual morals. It is too much like violent exercise these days. But I don't like the surroundings and atmosphere of many dance halls.

Jazz fan

How does such a man as Dr Soper find his own recreation? He is an expert on the tin whistle. He can "make a noise" on most wind instruments. And he is fond of jazz as of classical music.

One of his organists at Kingsway Hall was an African, Fela Sowande, who used to play with Fats Waller.

"He was a most austere organist during a service," says Dr Soper. "But off-duty we used to have some Memphis-style duets."

Dr Soper likes books—philosophy and detective stories. Arthur Christie ranks high. He enjoys the cinema (including Quo Vadis and Roman Holiday) and the theatre. He plays table tennis, and "scullery" bridge.

"The only bridge game that is any use is the one played so fast that you can't remember the mistakes."

The secret?

At school he played cricket, hockey and boxing. At Cambridge he was captain of his college cricket team, and once played hockey for the University. Now he "wanders around a tennis court," likes surling and watching soccer.

He is married, with "a beautiful wife, four lovely daughters, and a grand-daughter," lives in a two-storey house in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

And he says: "My daughters don't always agree with me. I may be able to say what I like on Tower Hill. But at home, under the monstrous regimen of women, I cannot say a word."

Is that Dr Soper's secret? Are his bitter attacks on war and capital punishment, his strictures on the Queen's recreation, his declared desire to lead, a reaction against rule in the home?

Not likely. No man who is really heckpocked ever admits it. Is he then a headline seeker because he likes the glare of notoriety? Again not likely. Straight publicity mongers sing their songs in better harmony with public opinion.

I'm no bully

Is he just a Big Ead, a meddlesome crank who wants to pry into everyone's private life and make people live his way rather than their own?

Some people will say so. But he is married, and that's his way. He does want to do his way. "Of course I do. But I want to persuade them to think my way, not bully them. To do that I must first of all make them think."

"That is what I want to do. Make people think."

KEY JOB, BUT A RISKY ONE

From RALPH HEWINS

ONE of the world's most hazardous jobs was planted on an obscure Communist party member, Feodor Kozlov, when he became chairman of the Leningrad Soviet the other day.

This is a key job inside Russia, but Kozlov's name has not appeared in any of the recent lists of Party, State and Provincial officials.

Amongst his predecessors were two of "Stalin's successors," they were Andrei Zhdanov, founder of the Cominform, who was officially reported to have died of heart failure and then to have been "murdered" by Kirov, whose assassination by a Jew was officially reported to have been the work of a Jew.

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Stockholm, officially disclosed. But he was personally installed by Russia's No. 2, brawny Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Communist Party, Stalin's old job, when he became chairman of the Leningrad Soviet the other day.

This was not just party routine, but to give weight to the appointment.

Kozlov's predecessor, V. B. Andrianov, was appointed by the Leningrad Police Chief Lavrenti Beria. So it appears that Malenkov and Khrushchev are tightening their hold on Russia's second city.

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What exactly has raised Kozlov to his pinnacle is not Revolution broke out in 1917.

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Toothaches
Colds
are quickly overcome by
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Largest Afternoon Circulation
Largest Sunday Circulation

Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN . . . by Walter

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

A GERMAN is claiming to have played the piano for 275 hours without stopping. All I can say is how fast he played. What sort of showing would he make against the fellow who played Scriabin's "Berceuse" 374 times in 21 hours and eight minutes? A musician commented: "This sort of thing is not suited to the concert platform." My dear sir, advertise an album in the States, and you will have far longer queues than for any conventional concert. We are not living in the Middle Ages.

Clearing up the muddle

THE suggestion that cars should go round zebra crossings, leaving the central part free for pedestrians, needs a powerful visual imagination. The pedestrian's assembly in the

middle of the crossing. Very well, but how do they get there? And if the cars go round the crossing, from left to right, what happens to cars coming in the other direction? Would it not be easier to let each car enter, and lift each car right over the crossing, depositing it on the other side?

Women and mountains

THE most interesting thing about Miss Kogan's ascent of Nankun in the Himalayas is that she used no oxygen. French women climbing mountains in the early 19th century. A peasant girl of Chamounix with the lovely name of Marie Paradis got to the top of Mont Blanc, and the English Josephine, once, climbed to the Montanvert. Henriette d'Angerville also got to the summit of Mont Blanc, and was kissed by all her guides. She was 42 years old at the time. The Duchess de Berry could have done it. She had been to the Breche de Roland in the Pyrenees, nearly 10,000 ft. high, and she was carried up in a chair, the labyrinths

Nothing to do with me
Lady Hamilton and Cleopatra attained their greatest success when they were over 40. It is never too late to look rather than the New Young Look. (Fashion article)

Another victory for democracy

THE first General Election ever held on the rugged island of Nampok has resulted in a sweeping victory for the Democratic Union Party. The victorious party were told by the polling officials to point to the candidate they wished to vote for. The candidates themselves kept the score and were ready to advise the voters. The result of this election was a high degree of political intelligence, and it is hoped that the backward people

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Game, May Not Have Story Ending

NORTH (D)		5
32	1084	6
4	10763	6
WEST	EAST	
Q 1085	None	
Q J 973	K 652	
K 9	A Q J 103	
84	K Q 2	
SOUTH		5
A K J 8764		
87542		
5		
East-West vul.		
North East South West		
Pass 1 4 Double		
Pass Pass Pass		
Opening lead—K		

By OSWALD JACOBY

IN the storybooks, the virtuous always triumph and the wicked always come to an unpleasant end. At the bridge table, alas, the reverse sometimes happens, as today's hand shows.

Nobody in his right mind would cast South as a hero. To jump to four spades with five worthless cards in the enemy's bid suit is to invite disaster, and no hero should elude his neck as deliberately as all that. But South did it and got away with it.

West opened the king of diamonds, grunted when he saw what a marvellous dummy South had been lucky enough to find, and shifted at the second trick to a club. Declarer won in dummy with the ace of clubs, ruffed the ace of hearts, and ruffed a heart. He then ruffed a diamond in dummy and returned to his hand by ruffing another heart.

When South next led the seven of diamonds, West knew that he could accomplish nothing by ruffing. Hence he discarded a heart, and dummy ruffed. South got back to his hand by ruffing a heart for the third time. He was doing a flourishing business with small trumps.

Now declarer led his last diamond, West discarded, and East won. By this time South and West were each down to four trumps, and South needed three more tricks to make his contract. When East led a high diamond, South merely ruffed low, allowing West to over-ruff with the nine.

West then had to lead away from his queen of trumps, allowing South to take the last three tricks with the ace-king-jack of spades.

Was probably deserves a little sympathy, but he doesn't need it. If he just plays against South often enough, he'll get many chances to double; and South won't always be as lucky as he was this time. On a par with a fool, even a fool can learn to play well; but in the long run the foolish bids lose thousands of points.

Incidentally, West could have defeated the contract in today's hand if he had been a mind-reader. He has to open a trump. He gets in with the first diamond and leads a second trump! This defence limits South to seven trumps and two aces. But nobody finds that kind of defence, even in the storybooks.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1. N.T. Pass
1. Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
1. N.T. Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-8-7-3, Hearts Q-J-3-2, Diamonds A-4, Clubs 7-6. What do you do?

A—Bid three hearts. You have 11 points in normal high cards, 1 point extra for the queen of partner's heart suit, and 2 points for the doubton. This is quite enough to give your partner a good play for some time. How weak his opening bid may be.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-8-7-3, Hearts Q-J-3-2, Diamonds A-4, Clubs 7-6. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

Simple & Elegant



By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

LUXURIOUS, distinguished and very wearable, yet without simple, is this coat of black dyed Alaskan seal. It is cut on a straight simple yet most effective line, the sleeves in one with the body. A one button fastening is placed under the neat collar which is of mutton skin. The coat has all pockets and the whole effect is elegant without being overdone.

Household Hints

When shoe lace tips become frayed, dip them in shellac and dry. The same treatment works for frayed cord or rope.

A brick fireplace is easier to keep clean if the front is coated with liquid wax.

CHILD'S HOME LIFE AND SCHOOL SUCCESS

By Garry C. Myers, Ph.D.

HOW the child feels, as he tries to learn, has more to do with his success at learning than anything else. These feelings grow chiefly in the home, and he carries them to school with him.

The most fortunate child is the one who goes to school from a happy home where he feels secure, feels he is loved and understood. Little else can do so much to help him do his best at school.

Source of Feelings

From birth, a child's major source of feelings and emotions is his home, and it continues to be after he enters school. But long before the child's birth, his parents in their attitudes toward each other, their companionship and co-operative planning for his coming, set the atmosphere in which his major feelings and emotions will grow. The relationship of these parents with each other and with him will continue as the leading factor in providing the main stream of his feelings and emotions while he goes to school.

When there are brothers and sisters, each child vies for the attention and affection of his parents. How well these children get along with one another depends largely on the degree to which each feels he is as much loved and wanted by his parents as the other children are, and on how secure each feels as a member of the family.

No matter how hard the parents try to provide this assurance, some doubts and jealousies will arise among the children. The fewer doubts and jealousies of course, the better each child's emotional background is for getting on well

with neighbourhood children and at school.

Suppose your child feels he isn't loved at home as much as he craves, or isn't loved as much as a brother or sister. You may not be aware that he has such a feeling. You may well suspect he is suffering from jealousy, if he does not seem to be comfortable and happy most of the time; if he is noticeably stubborn and often whining and irritable; if he is often resistant to your most reasonable management of him; if he is unduly quarrelsome; if you find occasion to rebuke and punish him more often than a brother or sister and to praise and approve him less often.

It can do no harm to proceed on the theory that any problem in your child's behaviour or progress at school might have grown out of jealousy. That is, it does no harm unless your treatment for furthering his peace of mind and security should stir up jealousy in his brother or sister.

More Praise for Him

On the positive side, you should try to set the stage so he may get no more disapproval, rebuke or punishment at home than the other children there; so that he will enjoy as much deserved praise and approbation from the immediate family, relatives and neighbours who come there often. If he can't excel at reading, spelling or arithmetic, for instance, he might excel at playing ball, at planning and preparing a meal for the family, at making things with his hands or repairing things about the home. Let us remember that he must succeed at doing what he feels is worth doing in order to be happy.

There are far more opportunities at home than at school for the average child to find things that he can do well and thus enjoy achievement. Let us help the child succeed and then celebrate successes in him.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Pixie O'Scowl's 209th Birthday

—He Didn't Want to Go to His Own Party!

By MAX TRELL

IT was just about dark and Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting on the back steps of the house, watching the sun go down and the moon go up, when a little figure, dressed all in green came walking toward them.

Knarf and Hanid, recognised their friend Pixie McSnoodle. He stood in front of them, took off his cap politely and said: "You're invited to O'Cheer Hall for a birthday party."

Whose Birthday?

"Oh, how wonderful!" Hanid exclaimed. "Whose birthday is it?"

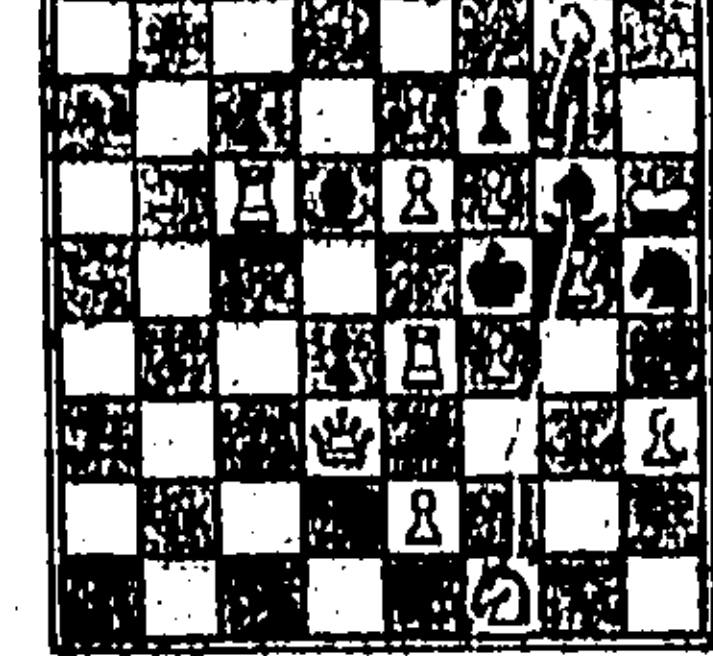
"It's a birthday party for O'Scowl," replied Pixie McSnoodle. "Only well, maybe I shouldn't mention it." Pixie McSnoodle stammered as he said this, twisted his hat in his hand uncomfortably.

"Maybe you shouldn't mention what?" asked Knarf.

CHESS PROBLEM

By O. NERONG

Black, 7 pieces.



White, 13 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. B-Q3; 1. K-B8; 2. B-K7; 1. K-K5; 2. BxP.

WHAT'S HER LINE?

Re-arrange the letters to spell her occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN
TABLE-HOPPING
AT DINNER

HERE'S a letter from a young husband who asks how to avoid table-hopping.
He says: "I like to enjoy my dinner with my wife at the table. But she's constantly hopping up to fetch this or that. She claims it's necessary for good service. Is it?"

It takes planning to avoid this thing, often embarrassing situation which he calls table-hopping and here are some practical suggestions.

1. Plan a menu with no last minute cooking.
2. Before serving, be sure all needed equipment is on the table or beside it on a hospitality wagon or rolling table. If you haven't got one, it pays to buy one.
3. Serve foods for the main course in casseroles.
4. Let your husband toss the salad at the table.
5. Keep beverages hot or cold in thermos bottles at the table.

6. Have the first course in place before sitting down.
7. Clear the dishes on to a tray. Return from the kitchen with the coffee main course on a big tray.
8. Remove the main course dishes on a tray and return with the dessert and beverage on a tray.
9. Have extra bread, butter, relishes, water glasses and a pitcher of water ready to pass at the table.

Dinner

French Onion Soup
Veal Roll en Casserole
Rice Ring
Spinach with Nuts and Raisins
Tossed Mixed Salad
(Cheese Turnovers)
Grapes-in-Gel
Coffee Tea Milk
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Six

Veal Rolls en Casserole

Order 2 lbs. veal cutlet sliced 1/4-in. thick. Cut in 4-in. squares; pound with a meat mallet until quite thin. Rub over with the cut side of a section of garlic. Next, top each square with a 1/2 tsp. herb stuffing; add a stuffed olive; then roll up and fasten together with toothpicks. Roll in 1/2 c. flour, seasoned with 1 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Brown in 3 tsp. oil or shortening. Transfer to a casserole dish.

Add 1 c. boiling water and 1 beef bouillon cube. Cover and bake 1 hr., or until fork-tender in a moderate oven, 375° F. Five minutes before serving, add 1/2 c. commercially soured cream. Serve in a ring of rice.

Cheese Turnovers

Roll pie pastry 1/4-in. thick and cut in 4-in. squares. On each, place a thin slice of sharp American cheese or bleu cheese. Moisten the edges of the pastry with water. Fold over, turn-over fashion, and press the edges together with a fork. Brush with melted butter or margarine and dust with paprika. Bake 12 min. in a hot oven, 400° F. Serve at once.

Trick of the Chef

Garnish 3 c. cooked chopped spinach with 1/3 c. shredded almonds and 1/3 c. seeded raisins scalded in butter.

Spring Fashions

SPRING fashions follow the general fashion trend in colour. All shades of brown and beige will be starred from palest straw, parchment and oat, to mushroom, honeydew, coffee and tan. Losing favour is red; gaining is green—limes like coral and sage.

There is a definite trend towards the more pointed toe and the lower cut vamp and sides. The delightful T-strap sandal, revived by Jean Desses in his last Paris collection, is also flattering.

Such ideas shown in London will appeal to younger customers when they go Spring shopping. The "briars" in country club trousers consist of a sleeveless button-through jacket and matching skirt.

The "weekender" in tartan wool, has a waistcoat, top matched to its skirt.

Both can be worn alone or over a shirt, blouse or pullover. The "briars" "separates" included plaid skirts, teamed with heavily trimmed coats or bolero jackets.

Most attractive fabric for Spring coats was a mixture of mohair and pure wool. It appeared in white and pastels.

CULINARY ART

A STIMULATING art exhibition, which opened in London recently will appeal particularly to housewives.

Epicurean paintings of elegant bottles and strawberries, mackerel and red mullet, quinces and cauliflower, peppers and herings with pimento and burgundy, are designed to decorate the kitchen.

The painter, 83-year-old Mrs. Lawson-Dick, a doctor's widow, lives in Chelsea and started painting two and a half years ago.

She loves good food and spends plenty of time in the kitchen. The average kitchen in a dull place," says Mrs. Lawson-Dick. "That gave her the idea of creating pictures specially to brighten the housewife's workshop."

First purchaser for Mrs. Lawson-Dick was Gilbert, Windsor, who bought a "coronation of spring" green leaves and peppers "to hang just outside my kitchen door."

—EILEEN ASCROFT

DUMB-BELLS

YOUR SON ON A MINE SWEEPER? YES, AND TO HE COULD NEVER LEARN TO USE A BROOM AT HOME

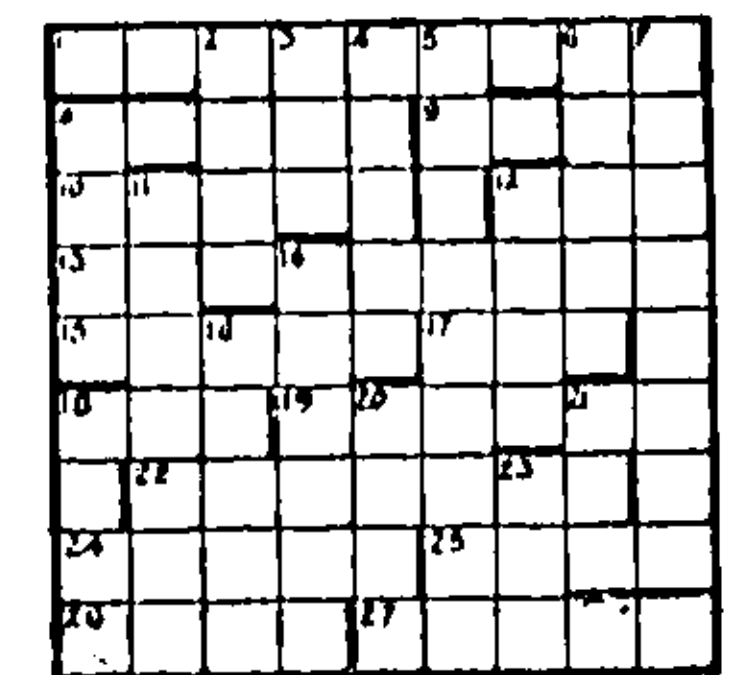


YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

BORN today, you are an exceptionally lively individual. The leadership of whatever project you are interested in, at the time you are something of a ho-ho, but master when it comes to directing others. But you never expect more from them than you yourself are

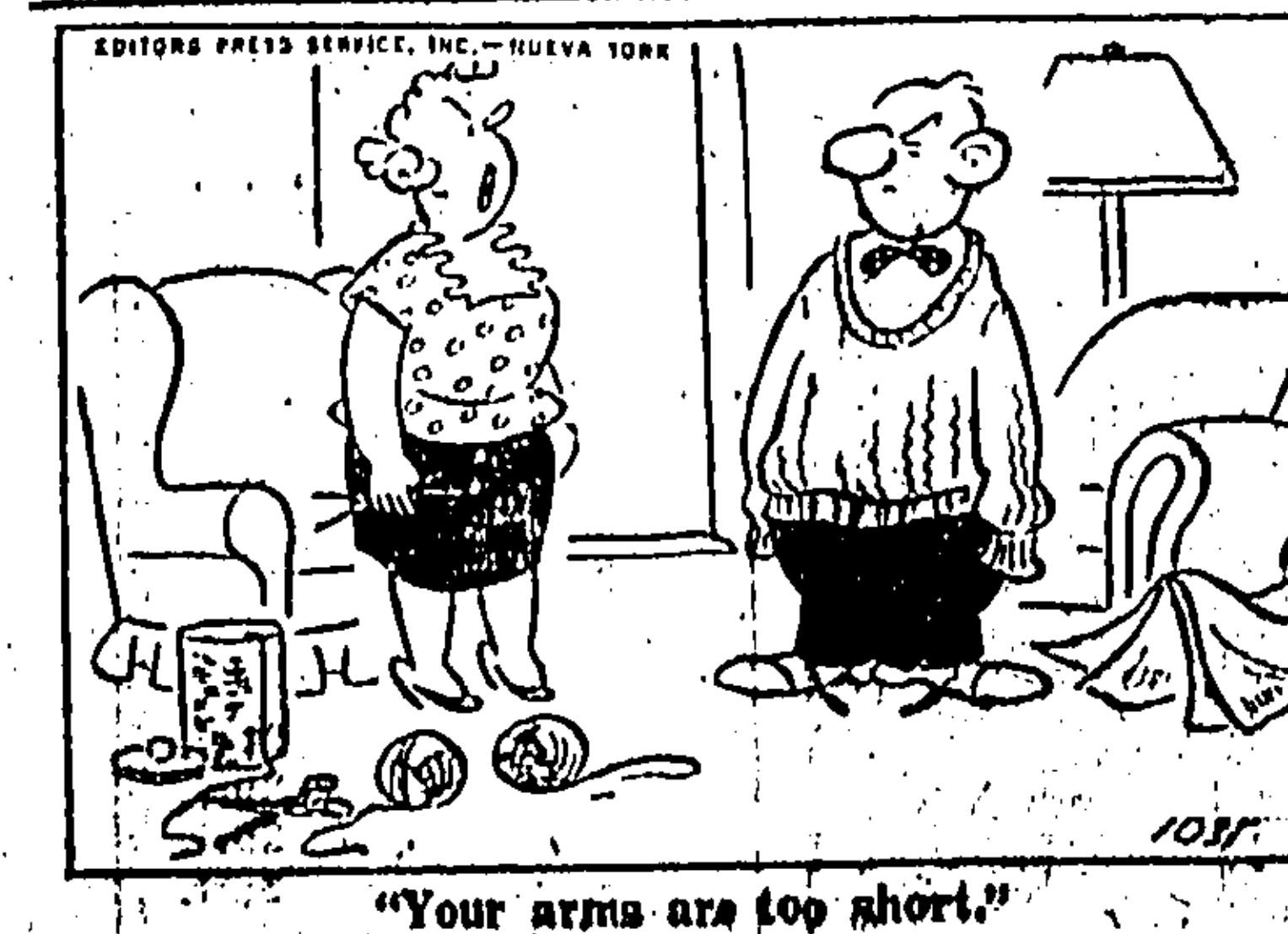
CROSSWORD



Across
1. In the such a strange chap? (7)
2. You should do this before you may for the best (10)
3. A man's but not for the thousand (14)
4. He has things taped—which makes a change (10)
5. It may be half a dozen of the other (10)
6. A merry acquaintance a man with a strange one it is said (10)
7. Mr. Fox told of the fall of its house (10)
8. What an age (10)
9. The art is mostly said (10)
10. Two halves of the tear are a street apart for the best (10)
11. Lash I think out the spy up (10)
12. The end of the line (10)
13. It's the end of the drink (10)
14. With this word you got an unexpected visitor (10)
15. Something sometimes (10)

Down
1. Coloured (10)
2. He's a bit of a dandy (10)
3. There's welcome on the mat (10)
4. A man's but not for the thousand (10)
5. A man's but not for the thousand (10)
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SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE



"Your arms are too short."

GEORGE WHITING Wishes

A BETTER YEAR FOR THE TOUGH-LUCK TRIERS OF THE ONE GONE BY

Good will to all men—especially those who missed the boat, lost the fight, came unstuck, fluffed a putt, or otherwise failed to achieve the glory that crowned the efforts of celebrities now being acclaimed as "Sportsmen of the Year."

For me, it's a Happy New Year to the also-rans—as well as to Sir Gordon Richards, Messrs Pirie, Peters, Bodser, Hutton, Bailey, Cockell, Matthews, Hawthorn, and all other hitters of jacksots and headlines during 1953.

Spurs a national thought, say pedal our plaudits when he comes to fight Ronald Clayton for the British championship next February.

Lawn tennis? Look no further for an unlikely last-ditch effort than Jasek Drobny, the Czech—turned—Egyptian who pays in the compliment of saying he wishes he'd been born an Englishman.

Declay's marathon win (8-0, 10-10, 3-0, 8-6, 12-10) over Budget Pally in the shades of night at Wimbledon might normally have achieved him the Championship he has sought so long and so assiduously. Instead, it left him a limping victim to Denmark's Kurt Nielsen.

Drobny is a diehard, but, at 32, even he will appreciate how much slimmer are his chances now of becoming the first left-hander to win Wimbledon since the 1914-18 war days of (Sir) Norman Brookes.

GOAL COUNTED

Success? My hard-luck hero is Scottish international Allan Brown, Blackpool's inside-left now back in the game as a wing half.

His was the goal, remember that, knocked Arsenal out of the FA Cup last season and put Blackpool and Matthews in a position to fire the shot that enabled them to climb to go on stairs at Wembley.

A picture-book goal, but Brown broke his ankle kicking it, and was on the outside looking in when his teammates lined up for their Cup medals.

Dare I mention Steptey's snigger, Sammy McCarthy, for the felicitations of boxing men?

A year ago McCarthy was being lauded as the brightest prospect of our time, the one destined to restore for us the glories of Driscoll, Jordan and Torkington.

Then a Nigerian, Kid Barry, and a Frenchman, Ray Fanchon, showed us Sammy's foot of clay. Do not blame McCarthy. The fault, if fault there be, lies with three who would have had him running before he could walk.

SOFT-PEDAL

McCarthy, the boy who still pushes vegetables for part of his living, never sought superlatives, and we shall be doing him a good turn if we soft-

pedal our plaudits when he comes to fight Ronald Clayton for the British championship next February.

—(London Express Service)

SPORTS ROUND-UP

£1,000 STEEPLECHASE TO PERPETUATE MEMORY OF LORD MILDMAY

A £1,000 steeplechase to perpetuate the memory of Lord Mildmay, Britain's greatest amateur jockey, is to be inaugurated over the new Mildmay course, Aintree, on the eve of the Grand National. It will be known as the Mildmay Chase.

Johnny Williams, former British Heavyweight Champion, has been matched with Gerhard Hecht, German Cruiserweight Champion, in Berlin on January 22. It will be Williams' first fight in his campaign to regain the British title. He will find a tough opponent. The German recently boxed a draw with Karel Sys, former European Champion.

Lord Burghley, President of the Amateur Athletic Association, has presented a cheque for £570 to the Netherlands Flood Disaster Fund. The donation was made from the receipts of the floodlight athletic match between England and the Netherlands at the White City in September.

Fred Winter, British Champion Steeplechase Jockey last

DAVIS CUP CHALLENGE ROUND



The two Davis Cup captains, Harry Hopman (Australia) and Bill Talbot (United States) follow Vic Seixas (United States), left, and Lewis Hoad on to the court for the first rubber in the Davis Cup Challenge Round in Melbourne on December 28. On the left is the Davis Cup.



In action—Lewis Hoad, whose two singles victories against Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas, helped Australia to a 3-2 victory.—Photos by courtesy of the Australian Trade Commissioner's Office.

JACK CUDDY Forecasts

WHAT 1954 WILL SEE IN THE BOXING RING

New York, Jan. 4.

Boxing, the year-round sport that is brought into millions of American homes by the press, radio and television every week, has the following Championship probabilities to offer in 1954:

Heavyweights—Champion Rocky Marciano, certainly one of the most effective punchers in ring history, will make two successful defenses of his crown. Unbeaten Rocky will knock out both challengers, who will be selected from among Dan Bascomb, ex-champ Ezzard Charles, Nino Valdes of Cuba and Don Cockell of England.

At the end of 1954, the most amazing record boasted by any Heavyweight Champion since John L. Sullivan, will read: Fights, 47; won, 47; knock-outs, 42. And his string of consecutive kayos will have been stretched to 12.

Light Heavyweights—Champion Archie Moore, 37, is nearing the end of the trail. He should keep his 175-pound crown on a close decision over ex-champ Joey Maxim at Miami on January 27 in their third title fight. But ancient Archie will lose the diadem to the improved Harold Johnson of Philadelphia, 25, despite his three victories and one loss in four previous fights with Johnson.

Middleweights—Carl (Bobo) Olson, new ruler of the ring's most active division, will keep his 160-pound crown on a decision over Welterweight Champion Kid Gavilan by pressing the Cuban and beating him at close quarters. But Olson may lose the title if he defends against Joey Giambra of Buffalo, New York. Giambra, though rated only the fifth contender now, is the most dangerous boxer-puncher in the talent-packed class.

Welterweights—Champion Kid Gavilan should keep his 147-pound title in another thrilling fight with the very aggressive and explosive Carmen Basilio of Canada.

Speedy Perez is an illusive target and a damaging puncher. He appears the best 126-pound contender.

Bantamweights—Jimmy Carruthers of Australia will lose his world bantamweight crown if he defends against Billy Paacock of Los Angeles, the American 118-pound ruler. Robert Cohen of France also would give Carruthers a hard fight.

Flyweights—Yoshio Shirai of Japan should wear his 112-pound diadem for another year. He seems a better combination boxer-puncher than Jake Tull of South Africa, the top contender.—United Press.

The New U.S. Golf Ball Edict Is Startling Says JAMES GOODFELLOW

Several speakers in a recent London golf club debate were of the opinion that golf is being robbed of some of its enjoyment by the new standard score—a view with which I agree.

This had been brought home to them during the mild spell—a period welcomed by clubs and professionals alike—as they struggled over heavy courses to keep on happy terms with "old man par."

Repeated failure to find greens in the regulation number of strokes made play wearisome.

Introduction of a ball that would not travel so far, a move favoured by a section of golf's legislators, would exasperate these players even more.

America's latest pronouncement (text of which has just reached England) on this controversy will startle them.

'CONTRARY TO RULES'

The United States Golf Association, in a bulletin to their members pointing out that the use of the small ball (1.62 inches, compared with 1.68 inches) is "contrary to U.S.

rules and a disservice to the game," state:

"Some years ago it became necessary to limit the distance qualities. As the ball became longer and longer, courses were being outmoded."

"It is still essential that the distance qualities of the ball be limited."

"There is no velocity limit on the small-size ball."

"USGA specifications for the ball have been worked out over a great many years. They have resulted in a ball which, we confidently believe, is far and away the best for use in this country."

"Aside from distance qualities, the American size ball sits 'up better in fairway, rough and bunker, and puts and chips better. That is the consensus of leading American players and of many British players."

'VASTLY SUPERIOR'

"Admittedly, the American ball is shorter than the small-size ball against the wind, but downhill and under other conditions it is vastly superior to the small-size ball in all-round playing qualities."

"So the player who attempts to cheat on distance by using the small ball against the wind is very apt to cheat himself in far more important factors. Certainly he is cheating himself in being no sportsman."

—(London Express Service)

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Governor visits N.T.

Fire in Kowloon.

X'mas party at Chero Club.

Prison Officers Club Party and Presentation.

Malayan Association Dance.

Ceylon Party for Japanese Ministers to Ceylon.

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Sun Worries Japanese

Tokyo, Jan. 5.

The Japan Ice Skating Federation spokesman said today that if the present unusually warm weather continued it might be necessary to hold the World Speed Skating Championships at night.

The Federation President, Mr. Tsunemasa Takeuchi, left here today with other officials to inspect the site of the Championships at Sapporo, Hokkaido.

With only 11 days left before the start of events, officials are concerned because the weather is too warm for satisfactory skating conditions. After inspecting the site, officials will decide whether or not to hold the Championships at night when the air would keep the ice dry.

Warm weather has delayed completion of the rink.

The spokesman said four centimetres of ice had been laid but this foundation was not yet solid enough to take the additional six centimetres which are needed to bring the rink to the required thickness.

Similar conditions throughout the rest of Japan have resulted in the cancellation of many skating events this winter. If Federation officials decide to hold the Championships at night, floodlighting equipment and other necessary facilities will be installed, the spokesman said.—Reuters.

India Decides On European Zone

Calcutta, Jan. 4.

India, sole entrant last year in the Asian Zone of the Davis Cup competition, will compete in the European Zone this year. This was one of the decisions reached at the annual general meeting of the All-Indian Lawn Tennis Association.

It was also agreed to conduct the Asian Lawn Tennis Championships at Calcutta in December, 1955, but the meeting decided not to enter for the 1954 Championships being held in Manila during February because they could not collect together a suitable representative team at short notice.—Reuters.

Hashim Khan To Defend Title In Dunlop Tourney

London, Jan. 4.

Hashim Khan of Pakistan will defend his title in the Dunlop Professional Squash Rackets Tournament at the Lansdowne Club, London, from February 1 to 8.

Hashim, at present in the United States, won the tournament when it was last held in 1952. He is the British Open Champion and the top "seed."

A newcomer to Britain who has been seeded No. 7 is Nasrullah Khan of Mauritipur, Karachi.

The other "seeds" are Mahmoud El Karim of Egypt, Roshan Khan of Karachi, Abdul Bari of the Junior Carlton Club, Z. A. Khan of Peshawar, and the Englishmen, L. R. W. Keeble, Lansdowne Club, and J. P. Dear, Queen's Club.—France-Press.

\$100,000 SUIT FILED AGAINST TURPIN

New York, Jan. 4. A \$100,000 suit against the British boxer, Randolph Turpin, has been filed in the New York State Supreme Court by Miss Adele Daniels, it was learned today.

The suit, which alleges eight different assaults on Miss Daniels between September 23 and October 26 last year, became known when the boxer's lawyer filed a motion asking the court to appoint a doctor to examine the woman.

Lawyers acting for Turpin have filed an answer to the suit denying all the allegations.—Reuters.

A DISTRESSING TENDENCY

Wellington, N. Z., Jan. 4. The New Zealand Golf Council complained at its annual meeting that amateurs are showing "a distressing tendency to go pot-hunting."

A circular will be sent to all clubs reminding them that the trophy in amateur golf should not be worth winning financially, they decided.

And to save misunderstanding the Council will revise its Championship list.—China Mail Special.

Ladies' Hockey

"International"

In April

A proposal from a Japanese women's hockey team to play three matches here in the first half of April was accepted by the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association yesterday.

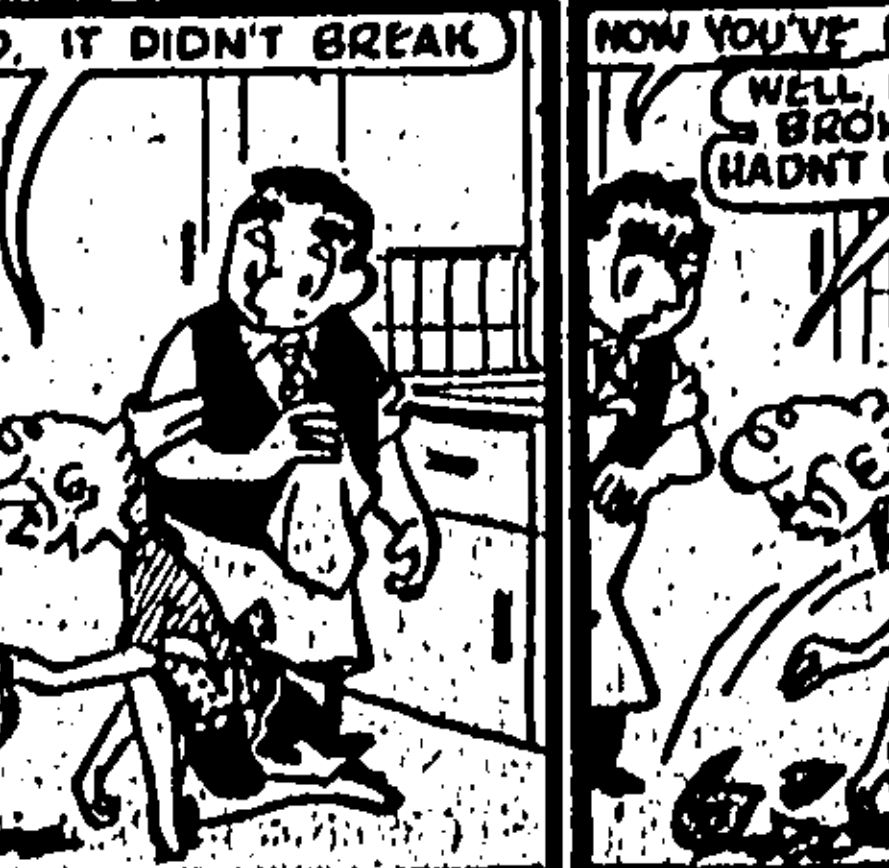
At a meeting yesterday evening at the office of Thea Cook & Son the HKLHA Committee tentatively fixed the dates for the three matches as April 3, 4 and 7, subject to the Japanese team's acceptance.

The meeting also decided to make arrangements for the games to be played at either the South China stadium or the Hongkong Football Club stadium.

The Japanese team will play against the Hongkong Ladies' Interport Team. Rest of the Colony and the League Championships.

A letter from the Japanese team's manager, S. Iwanatsu, said the team would be arriving in the first week of April, at its own expense. The delegation will consist of 14 players, a manager and a coach.

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DESMOND HACKETT Finds It

A TOUGH JOB PICKING THE FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Now is the time when all sports observers start to pencil in their list of probabilities for the Footballer of the Year accolade. This used to be a simple, joyous job.

Today it is a chore as grim and unattractive as cleaning up the dining-room on Boxing Day morning. There is not a single star-sized player on the Soccer skyline.

It does not need second sight—or should it be second hearing?—to know that in the solid city of Leeds they will be saying: "Now steady lad, steady. What about our John Charles?"

Well, what about him? "Their" John Charles, who happens to be a Welshman, has scored 27 goals for Leeds United, who are nowhere particular in Division II.

Mighty John may be his club's life-saver. But a Footballer of the Year... well, hardly. Abundantly energetic Jack Connor has scored even more goals. He tops the League list with his 29 tally for Stockport County (Division III North). And there ends his claim to fame.

FUTURE STAR

Take top - of - the - League Wolverhampton—a grand side coloured by gate-filling personalities, yet lacking a player of whom you would say: That is the man.

Commanding attention is their young Master Peter Broadbent, but he must be fled for future preference. West Bromwich, who take it in turn with Wolves to fill

UNKNOWN

Ipswich Town and Port Vale are complete masters of their sections in Division III. Fans remote from such places could not name even one of their players, let alone declare: Ah! Now there is THE player. You may have your own unshakable ideas about fixing the football game, but I will take some convincing. My opinion is that the old crowd magnets, those darlings of the terraces, Ralph Carter, Stanley Matthews, Hughie Gallacher, Alex James, Peter Doherty, Tom Finney, and Frank Swift are no longer in production.

Too many of the new generation of Soccer boys have their natural ability drilled out of them as efforts are made to fit them into what is amusingly described as the system of planned play.

And you fans are no better than you ought to be. Every week some unfortunate youth making his first nervous, faltering steps in the big game is shattered by the abominable howls of: "Get rid of it!"

It is one of life's mysteries why so many people ignorant of the laws of the Game and unconscious of the finer points of play desperately storm the turnstiles to hand over their good money.

HAD A THEME

Take the 91,000-plus who saw Chelsea defeat Cardiff City 2-0. For 25 minutes, Chelsea were surprisingly pleasant to watch. There was some obvious intent about their play... it had a theme.

The crowd became restive and wholly unappreciative because there were no goals before half-time. Yet they were always ready to cheer lustily the few clearances made by Chelsea, even though it meant the

ball was on the way back within seconds. See the point? So long as the customers howl away good football there will be no footballer of the year, no team of the year, and precious little Soccer worth watching.

And it will serve the fans all jolly well right. (London Express Service)

SPOTLIGHTING THE THREE-YEAR-OLDS OF 1954

Next Season's Problem Horse Is Tudor Honey

Says JAMES PARK

Jack Jarvis had his best year as a trainer in 1953. He topped the list of winning trainers despite the fact that he did not discover a top-class two-year-old. The best of the colts according to the official estimate was Tudor Honey, and there was a time when I thought he might take a higher place.

That was when he won the valuable National Breeders' Produce Stakes at Sandown. I had liked the colt in his earlier races when he was not in a condition to do himself justice.

He looked a picture in the paddock before the Sandown event but the market suggested there was much more fancy for his stable companion, Prudence.

The filly could never go the pace and, while Tudor Honey also left himself with something to do, he opened out in great style in the last furlong. Laying himself down to his work like a good colt, he caught up with the leaders to beat them cleverly.

Bronstein Leads In Hastings Chess Tourney

Hastings, England, Jan. 4. David Bronstein of the USSR moved into the lead in the Premier Tournament of the International Chess Congress today by defeating D. M. Horne of Britain after 31 moves and four hours' play in the fifth round.

Bronstein now has four points from five games. C. H. Alexander of Britain is in second place with three points. He was matched today with R. Teschner of Germany.

R. G. Wade, former British and Empire Champion, lost to Dr. S. Tartakower of France after 24 moves and two and a half hours' play today. The match was the shortest of the tournament so far. United Press.

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HOLLYWOOD HEADLINES

Jean Simmons' Next Film Does Not Require Her English Accent

By JENNIFER JOHNS

Hollywood. The step ladder of fame has many unexpected rungs and Jean Simmons came across one of them recently when she discovered that she had a new boss, an independent producer Mr. Howard Welch.

Jean must have qualified as one of Hollywood's most surprised actresses when she was suddenly informed by RKO officials to report to the Howard Welch Company at Motion Picture Centre. Immediately after the news had got around I rang Jean and she told me, quite frankly: "I had never even heard of Mr. Welch."

Be that as it may Mr. Welch had heard of Jean: "I have bought Jean's contract from Mr. Howard Hughes for more than the \$60,000 she will receive from RKO Studios."

Until this happened Jean had been living quietly in her hill-top house, talking two or three times a week on the transatlantic phone to husband Stewart Granger in London. She dined occasionally with the James Masons and with Judy Garland but, for the most part, she was—by Hollywood standards—a recluse while she waited for an RKO decision about her next film.

Now decisions are being made all around her. Her first film for Mr. Welch will be a suspense drama—"A Bullet is Waiting"—with Jean playing an American girl living on a small ranch near Los Angeles.

Hearing this I troubled Jean for the second time and asked her how she thought she'd make out with her English accent. "Your guess is as good as mine," she said. "I dare say I shall have to say such things as 'Hi, Pop, ain't no water in the creek!'"

Jean asked me how that sounded. I said I guessed it didn't sound all that American. Jean laughed: "I guess it didn't too!"

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South Africans

In Poor Position

In Third Test

Capetown, Jan. 4.

South Africa still required 160 runs to save the follow-on against New Zealand in the third Test at the close of play today—and with only three wickets to fall.

Scores at the drawing of stumps were: New Zealand, 1st Innings—505; South Africa, 1st Innings—208 for seven.

New Zealand may, therefore, make the South Africans bat again but whether they can get the home side out a second time remains to be seen, even though the pitch is showing signs of wear.

Spinner Rabone and MacGibbon, with fast inswingers, have so far done all the damage. It was New Zealand's best exhibition of accurately sustained bowling on this tour.

The fielding too reached a high standard. McGlew batted for 273 minutes and hit seven fours in his 80, the South's highest score.

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South Africa, 1st Innings

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W. R. Endean, c. Sutcliffe b. MacGibbon 38

R. MacLean, c. Mooney b. Rabone 9

C. van Rynveld, c. Mooney b. Rabone 23

D. Rebone 23

J. Cheesman, not out 2

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Rovers v DOS on DGS Ground at 2.30 p.m. (Umpire: Yaqub Khan, Mickey Ram).

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Men's First Division
Argonauts v Dutch on Police Gr. Boundary St. at 2.30 p.m. (Umpire: J. B. Connelley, D. F. Wherry).

Army v YMCA on Army Gr. Boundary St. at 2.30 p.m. (Umpire: M. Kevlar, Rovers).

RAF v Thunderbolt on RAF Kai Tak at 3 p.m. (Umpire: Maj. Walker, W. H. Hadden).

Rovers v A v Army v Rovers on King's Pk. at 3 p.m. (Umpire: P. Kevlar, A. L. New).

Men's Second Division
University v Thunderbolt on University Gr. Boundary St. at 10.30 a.m. (Umpire: U. S. Dillon, J. A. G. Grew).

Bookmakers v Aces on RM Gr. No. 1 King's Pk. at 10.30 a.m. (Umpire: Maj. Walker, W. H. Hadden).

Police v Police on Army Gr. Boundary St. at 10.30 a.m. (Umpire: J. B. Connelley, D. F. Wherry).

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF CARL BUDGER BELOF otherwise CARL BUDGER BELOF, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of Section 10 (1) of the Probate and Administration Ordinance Chapter 10, made an Order limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims to the 5th day of January, 1954.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.
 Dated this 4th day of January, 1954.
 DEACONS, Solicitors & Notaries, Hong Kong.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES PER AUSTRALIA-WEST PACIFIC LINE

m.s. "CITOS"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown where it will be at consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors. Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on the 5th January, 1954.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 5th January, 1954, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 15th January, 1954, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1954.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m.v. "AGAMEMNON"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on January 8, 1954, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1954.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per LLOYD TRISTANO m.v. "ASIA"

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1953.

Communists

"Invade" West Berlin

Berlin, Jan. 5.
 The West Berlin anti-Communist Information Bureau West claimed here last night that more than 1,300 East Berlin Communists crossed the border into West Germany in one of the largest "propaganda invasions" yet known.

The Bureau, which claims to have good contacts in East Germany, said the Communists, supplied with large sums of money, were sent on orders of the East German Communist-run National Front of all parties.

They were ordered to contact shop stewards in West German factories and start "hasty talks" aimed at "a mutual approach to the demand of an all-German representation at the coming four-power conference in Berlin," the Bureau said.—Reuter.

NOTICE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

From Thursday, January 7th
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Outwards			
"CORFU"	Leaves London	Due Hongkong	10th December
"CHUBAN"	10th December	10th January	
"CANTON"	10th December	10th January	
"CANTON"	10th January	10th February	
"CANTON"	10th February	10th March	
"CANTON"	10th March	10th April	
Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore			
Homewards			
"CORFU"	Leaves Hongkong	Due London	10th January
"CHUBAN"	10th January	10th February	
"CANTON"	10th February	10th March	
"CANTON"	10th March	10th April	

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London

FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards			
"TRESILLIAN"	10th January	For	
"TRESILLIAN"	10th January	For	
"SUNDA"	10th January	For	

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 Tanks available for cargo of Oil in Bulk Space for refrigerated cargo. Limited Passenger accommodation.

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"WARORA"			
due	6th Jan.	from Japan	
sails	11th Jan.	for Singapore, Rangoon & Calcutta	
"ANSHUN"			
due	13th Jan.	from Calcutta, Rangoon & Calcutta	
sails	14th Jan.	for Yokohama & Kobe	
"PALIKONDA"			
due	24th Jan.	from Japan	
sails	25th Jan.	for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta	

P. & O. B. I. JOINT SERVICE

"OLINDA"			
due	6th Jan.	from Karachi, Colombo & Straits	
sails	10th Jan.	for Japan	
"OKILA"			
due	14th Jan.	from Japan	
sails	15th Jan.	for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Kuwait, Khorramshahr & Basrah direct. Also other P. O. Gulf ports via Bombay	
"OBRA"			
due	16th Jan.	from Karachi, Bombay, Colombo & Straits	
"UMARIA"			
due	17th Jan.	from Japan	
sails	22nd Jan.	for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Kuwait, Khorramshahr & Basrah direct. Also P. O. Gulf ports via Bombay	

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. CO., LTD.

"NELLORE"			
due	14th Jan.	from Japan & Tangier	
sails	16th Jan.	for Sydney, Adelaide & Melbourne	
"EASTERN"			
due	23rd Feb.	from Australia	
sails	24th Feb.	for Japan	

All vessels have liberty to call at any ports on or off the route & the route of sailing are subject to change or amendment with or without notice.

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Fast regular freight—refrigerator—passenger service to Korea, Japan, Philippines, Indo-China, Siam, Malaya, Rangoon, Calcutta and Chittagong.

"BRADEVERETT"

Arrives Jan. 10 from Manila.
 Sails Jan. 11 for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.

"LENEVERETT"

Arrives Jan. 25 from Manila.
 Sails Jan. 26 for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.

(Accepting cargo for transhipment Kobe/Pusan and Kobe/Okinawa)

EVERETT STAR LINE

Fast regular freight—refrigerator—passenger service to Korea, Japan, Philippines, Indo-China, Siam, Malaya, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi and Persian Gulf Ports.

"STAR BETELGEUSE"

Arrives Jan. 16 from Singapore.
 Sails Jan. 17 for Pusan, Kobe & Yokohama.

"STAR ALCYONE"

Arrives Jan. 21 from Japan.
 Sails Jan. 22 for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Khorramshahr, Basrah & Bahrain.

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Queen's Building, Telephone 31206.

Chinese Department: Telephone 28293.

Keen Interest In U.S. Rubber Plant

Washington, Jan. 4.
 Private industry is showing a keen interest in synthetic rubber facilities now owned by the United States Government, according to reports here.

Representatives of big rubber or petroleum companies, in the last few weeks, have been steady callers at the offices of the Rubber Disposal Commission here—the agency saddled with the job of selling the huge government network of synthetic rubber plants.

These visitors have been telling the Commission that they wanted to buy the synthetic rubber plants and plant to enter bids under the terms laid down by Congress in the disposal law which was enacted last summer.

About 23 companies have talked to the Commission in the last few weeks, including most of the present operators of the facilities as well as a number of new firms which have never participated in the Government programme.

The Commission has its work cut out as it must sell the majority, if not all, of the 27 plants at a price high enough to recoup most of the government's \$518-million plant investment and must select buyers carefully to ensure that the industry will be completely under private ownership.

Failure to attain either objective is almost certain to result in Congress eventually rejecting any sale—Stanley.

BLACK MAGIC PLAIN CHOCOLATES

this situation calls for a San Miguel



President Peron of Argentina tries out a new Argentine-built motor-boat, at the port of Olivos, near Buenos Aires. This is a new industry for Argentina, where the State Industries at Cordoba are now making boats from plastic material with glass fibre. This was the first appearance of the motor boat and President Peron was the first to try it out reaching a speed of about 120 km an hour. It is equipped with a Ford V-8 engine. President Peron is present at every first appearance of a new Argentine product or sportive event—and this boat will in future be used in motor boat races in which Argentina is represented.—Express Photo.

NEW BANNER FOR CANADIAN Tories:

"NO TRUCK OR TRADE WITH SOCIALISM"

Ottawa, Dec. 30.

Canada's Conservative Party, defeated by the Liberals in the last five general elections, has decided to try to rebuild its shattered fortunes on the foundation of free enterprise.

The battle banner "No Truck or Trade with Socialism" was unfurled in the opening days of the first Parliament to sit since last August's election in which the Conservative suffered an overwhelming defeat.

In that campaign, the Conservatives matched promise for promise on welfare measures with the Liberals in a desperate bid to break loose from the "reactionary" label which had been pinned upon them.

They were fighting the Liberals on their own ground and the result was disastrous for the Conservatives.

At the time, there were murmurings among the party's rank and file. They protested that the voters could find no difference between the two major parties and the voters were asked to choose between a party which promised to support welfare measures and another party which had already put them into effect.

There was, they claimed, no party which the voters could support if they wanted to cast their vote against the slow but steadily advancing tide of socialism in Canada.

Having found that there is no profit in associating with the Liberals at the left of centre, the Conservative Party has returned to its traditional position on the right and intends to do battle from there.

T.C.A. MONOPOLY

The decision, reached at party conferences which investigated the causes of the election defeat, was put into effect as soon as Parliament opened, with a ringing attack by the Conservative leader, Mr. George Drew, on the Government's socialist leanings.

The attack was based upon a decision of the Cabinet not to permit Canadian Pacific Airlines, a subsidiary of the privately operated Canadian Pacific Railway to operate an air cargo service in competition with Trans-Canada Airlines, which is Government-operated.

The issue, Mr. Drew said, was not so much whether the Canadian Pacific Airlines would be allowed to carry cargo in competition with Trans-Canada Airlines but whether the Government stood for free enterprise or socialism. He declared that the refusal to grant Canadian Pacific Airlines a cargo licence was socialism, no matter what the Government chose to call it.

He then pledged the Conservatives to all-out support of free enterprise, to the right of competition within the law and the incentive of profit which, he said, had helped to build the nation.

It was an important declaration of principle and has drawn a sharp line of demarcation between the Liberal and Conservative parties which, in the last election campaign, were in danger of becoming indistinguishable from one another.

TORIES OF OLD

Correspondents in the Parliamentary Press Gallery noted that Mr. Drew's speech was like the speeches made by Conservatives before the war, when the party stood unreservedly for free enterprise and rewards for individual initiative.

Broadly speaking, the Conservative plan is to base the party's attack on any government interference in the business of the country where private enterprise could do the job as well or better.

This will probably involve assaults on Government wheat marketing plans, buying up of surpluses, and subsidies for primary products. They have already turned their attention to the glut of unsold wheat which is plugging every terminal, grain elevator and farm building in western Canada.

The clock, however, cannot be completely turned back by the Conservatives.

Welfare measures which affect individuals have proved extremely popular. These include baby bonuses, old age pensions, unemployment benefits and help for the blind and disabled. These have been accepted by the Conservatives as things that have come to stay.

The big attack will be aimed at keeping business free to promote the industrial growth and development of the country.

"It is where we belong, win or lose, and we hope to rally all anti-socialists around us," one highly-placed Conservative said. "At least we shall have the moral stimulus of being true to our colours." — China Mail Special.

Three Swiss Airports Prepare For The Jets

Berne, Jan. 3.

Switzerland, one of the world's busiest transit points for international air traffic, is preparing for the age of jet travel.

The country's three super-modern inter-continental airports—Geneva, Zurich and Basle—all have plans for lengthening their runways to take the great jet airlines of the future.

Zurich (Kloten) is at present the only Swiss airport with a runway long enough, at 2,600 metres, for a jet airliner such as the British Comet to land with a full load in complete safety.

At least one of Kloten's two runways, which is now 1,900 metres long, is to be extended.

Geneva (Cointrin) has a 2,000-metre runway which is due to be extended in a direction which will take it just over the French frontier.

Basle (Mülhausen), the newest of the Swiss airports, which also serves the nearby French city of Mulhouse, is still in course of construction. One 1,000-metre runway has been in use for a year and another 2,370 metres long is due to be finished by next February. The airport buildings, half of which will be on Swiss soil and half on French, will be added last.

HELICOPTERS

Berne (Belpmos) has a secondary airport where only small planes can land in fine weather. But plans exist to link the Federal capital into the main European network with an adequate airport. The planners have been encouraged by the success of a summer service operated in recent years between Berne and London.

Projects to link the main Swiss cities and airports by helicopter are still in the study stage.

The experts do not think that such a service will be practical until helicopters costing 20 to 40 people can be used. At the present rate of development, the estimate that such machines should be available by about 1960.

Owing to her central position in Europe, Switzerland is much in demand as a transit point both for continental and inter-continental traffic.

DEFLECTED

Her geographical advantages as a centre for transit traffic have been increased since the war by the presence of the "Iron Curtain." Many east-bound lines from North America and from north and northwestern Europe are deflected by the "Iron Curtain" and forced to pass through Switzerland.

Most of the world's main air lines call at Swiss airports en route to a wide variety of destinations. Thus, the travellers profit from a wealth of connections, the air lines profit from extra passengers whom they can take aboard in Switzerland, and the Cantonal governments profit from intensive use of the airports on their territory.

The only concern which does not profit from this busy transit traffic is the Swiss national air company, Swissair, a semi-private enterprise depending on subsidies from the Federal Government.

Swissair watches foreign lines with transit rights in Switzerland taking away much of the "local" trade, while it is unable to obtain similar transit rights at important foreign airports.

One of the Swissair's biggest grievances, for example, is against the British European Airways daily service from London to Zurich and Vienna.

BRITISH REFUSAL

The British transit rights in Zurich, while adding to the prosperity of the Canton, deprive Swissair of local passengers on one of its traditional routes. Many other British services pass through Zurich and Geneva, but Britain has so far refused Swissair transit rights in London for its line to New York.

The delicate balance between the Confederation, Swissair and the semi-autonomous Cantonal governments is held by the Federal Air Office in Berne. In the aeronautical sphere, as in many other aspects of Swiss life, there is also tremendous rivalry between the interested Cantons.

While the Swiss airports are preparing actively to attract companies with jet airliners, Swissair is studying the problem of buying jets. But purchase would be impossible without Government aid, and the Federal Air Office, leaning to the left, is also an advocate of American construction. Swissair considers that Swissair can safely take its time before making any irrevocable decisions.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

GERMAN FIRM CLAIMS IT IS NOW WORLD'S BIGGEST SHIPBUILDER:

U.K. Shipyards Warned: "Reduce Costs" HEAVY FALL IN ORDERS LAST YEAR

London, Jan. 4.

The German shipbuilding firm, Deutsche Werft of Hamburg claims it has regained its pre-war position as the world's biggest shipbuilder. The Company launched 17 ships with a total tonnage of 224,000 deadweight last year.

A director of the company, Dr W. Scholz said, since the end of the war, 57 vessels with a total tonnage of about 2,150,000 d.w. have been launched by Deutsche Werft. This put the company ahead of Kockums Shipyards in Malmö, Sweden, and Harland and Wolff at Belfast, he claimed.

In London, a director of the Tramp Chartering Corporation of Panama, Mr J. C. Carras said British shipbuilders should take steps to reduce the present prohibitive building costs.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Jan. 4.

Stocks, after their disappointing year-end performance, today swung into the new year with an advance which added around \$1,000,000,000 to their total market value.

Most of the gains came late in the day in active trading which boosted stocks in all groups a point or more—issues such as Chrysler, Bethlehem Steel, United Aircraft in the Industrials; Illinois Central, Atlantic Coast Line, Nickel Plate in the rails.

As the list turned up, activity quickened and volume for the day totalled 1,310,000 shares. Motors, steels, oils, and rails featured in the rally. The car makers made best progress, gaining \$1.47 in their average, their widest rise since October 29.

Industrial gains ranged from 3/8 (General Motors) to 1 1/2 points (Chrysler). Steel advanced 1 1/2, Nash-Kelvinator 1 1/2, Inland 3/4.

Demand for steels picked up when the industry promised greater output. Higher auto production is expected to bring new buying into the steel industry.

Tobacco strengthened. Of 1,110 issues traded today, 743 advanced, 163 declined, 204 were unchanged.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was at 2,905,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 420,000 shares. Dow Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials 223.80
20 rails 85.50
50 stocks 106.60
40 bonds 77.30
Comm. future price 107.21

—United Press.

US Commodity Markets

New York, Jan. 4.

Leading commodity markets advanced steadily today with cocoa and coffee futures pushing to new record high prices. Cocoa futures rose the daily permissible limit of one cent a pound, with a considerable volume of buying orders still unsatisfied in the late dealing.

Coffee scored gains of about one cent a pound. Grains weakened as buyers stayed off, apparently expecting heavier producer selling with the low income taxes in effect, plus disappointment over the Chicago wheat closed 5/8 cents; soybeans off 3/8 to 3/4 cents.

At Winnipeg, wheat was quoted at 180 1/2 cents; No. 5 Northern was quoted at 185 cents.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Prices per bushel in cents. Closing prices: Dec. 31, Jan. 4.

Wheat, No. 1, red	104 1/2	104 1/2
Spot	104 1/2	104 1/2
May	104 1/2	104 1/2
July	104 1/2	104 1/2
Sept.	104 1/2	104 1/2
Dec.	104 1/2	104 1/2
Wheat, No. 2, red	103 1/2	103 1/2
Spot	103 1/2	103 1/2
May	103 1/2	103 1/2
July	103 1/2	103 1/2
Sept.	103 1/2	103 1/2
Dec.	103 1/2	103 1/2
Wheat, No. 3, red	102 1/2	102 1/2
Spot	102 1/2	102 1/2
May	102 1/2	102 1/2
July	102 1/2	102 1/2
Sept.	102 1/2	102 1/2
Dec.	102 1/2	102 1/2
Wheat, No. 4, red	101 1/2	101 1/2
Spot	101 1/2	101 1/2
May	101 1/2	101 1/2
July	101 1/2	101 1/2
Sept.	101 1/2	101 1/2
Dec.	101 1/2	101 1/2
Wheat, No. 5, red	100 1/2	100 1/2
Spot	100 1/2	100 1/2
May	100 1/2	100 1/2
July	100 1/2	100 1/2
Sept.	100 1/2	100 1/2
Dec.	100 1/2	100 1/2

Yesterday the President of the U.K. Shipbuilding Conference, Mr J. W. Elliot said new orders for merchant vessels placed in British shipyards in 1953 totalled 500,000 gross tons which was only a third of the tonnage ordered in 1952 and an eighth of the tonnage ordered in 1951.

Mr Elliot said British shipbuilders were fully aware of the threat from foreign competition and his company (Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson Ltd) had embarked on a large reconstruction scheme to turn out tonnage at greater speed and at a lower cost.

However, whatever good intentions the shipbuilders may have to recapture orders, leaders of the 39 unions forming the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Union have called on their members to ban overtime and piecework as from January 18.

The action is intended to press their claims for a 15 per cent wage increase. The Minister for Labour, Sir Walter Monckton, has intervened and is holding meetings with employers' and unions' representatives.

SHIP LOSSES

Meanwhile Lloyd's Register of Shipping has announced that world merchant ship losses as a result of casualties in the second quarter of this year were 49 ships totalling 64,804 tons gross. This compared with 56 ships of 100,250 tons, in the first quarter.

The second quarter losses included six British vessels aggregating 17,023 tons, and seven vessels, totalling 6,451 tons of other Commonwealth countries.

The U.S. merchant fleet lost six vessels, amounting to 5,480 tons, and the Norwegian fleet lost five, aggregating 2,080 tons.

Ship condemned or broken up during the second quarter numbered 80, of a total tonnage of 240,082, compared with 106 of a total tonnage of 201,886 in the first quarter. Of the second quarter total, 35 ships aggregating 113,724 tons, were British vessels.

The total tonnage of oil tankers completed in the U.K. in 1953 is expected to be about 600,000 gross tons according to estimates released by the Petroleum Information Bureau. This is approximately the same as in 1952.

The importance of these orders to shipbuilders is indicated by the fact that tankers will account for at least 50 per cent of the total tonnage completed in British yards this year expected to be approximately 1,250,000 gross tons.

MORE TANKERS AVAILABLE
The Anglo-Iranian and Shell Oil companies here are to discontinue the practice of requesting the London Tanker Brokers' Panel to make twice-yearly announcements (April and October) of the current market level for time charters.

The Anglo-Iranian company pointed out that the use of the brokers' awards as the public index of freight charges was adopted in circumstances where the shortage of tanker tonnage was resulting in extremely high rates for prompt fixtures and, in general, in an abnormally unstable freight market.

During the past twelve months, however, a radical change has taken place in the tanker tonnage situation and all indices show that for some considerable time there will be available an adequate supply of tankers to meet charterers' requirements.

The view taken by the companies is, therefore, that freight charges can be satisfactorily determined by the normal way of business.

The Furness Shipbuilding Co. Ltd. has announced that in 1953, it launched seven vessels aggregating 102,341 gross tons. The Burntisland Shipbuilding Company launched five vessels aggregating 22,871 gross tons.

NEW LAUNCHINGS
Launchings announced during the week included the motor-vessel ESSEX of 10,000 tons built by John Brown & Company, Clydebank for the Federal Steam Navigation Company of New Zealand. The Captain Kestis built by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson for the Tramp Chartering Corporation of Panama was also launched.

The vessel is 435 feet long and it will be equipped with a Swan Hunter — Doxford oil engine developing 4,800 bhp in service. The HUNTFIELD, a 10,650 D.W. ton tanker was launched by Sir James Laing & Sons Ltd., Sunderland, for the Hunting Steamship Company of Newcastle. The vessel is 328 feet long and has a scheduled trial speed of 15 knots.

The Furness Shipbuilding Company has announced the launch of the single-screw turbine tanker MELIKA built for the Afram Transport Company of Liberia. Length overall is 602 feet and the vessel will have a capacity of 31,170 tons. It is designed for a trial speed of 15 1/2 knots.—China Mail Special.

[Yesterday, according to France-Press, London, the President of the U.K. Shipbuilding Conference, Mr J. W. Elliot, said new orders for merchant vessels placed in British shipyards in 1953 totalled 500,000 gross tons, which is only a third of the tonnage ordered in the previous year and an eighth of that ordered in 1951.]

This was a sharp warning both to work people and to the industry's suppliers that changed world conditions after the Korean war and the fall in freights and ship values meant that shipbuilding orders at virtually any price were a thing of the past, he said.

Only increased output and by more economical and expeditious disposal of existing orders would further orders be stimulated, particularly cargo ship replacements for the British merchant fleet.]

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Jan. 4.

After opening steady, the market eased on selling. There was some trade support at lower levels and the market closed steady. Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Jan. 60 1/2-61 1/2
Mar. 61 1/2-62 1/2
May 62 1/2-63 1/2
No. 2 rubber per lb. Jan. 59 1/2-60 1/2
Mar. 60 1/2-61 1/2
May 61 1/2-62 1/2
Spot unbleached 59 1/2-60 1/2

NEW YORK MARKET
New York, Jan. 4.

Rubber futures today closed 15 to 20 points lower with sales of one contract.

LONDON MARKET
London, Jan. 4.
The rubber market was very quiet with No. 1-Ros spot quoted at 17-1/16 pence per lb. Prices:

Plantation (smoke sheet)	17-1/16
Smoked (smoke sheet)	17-1/16
General market, all types	17-1/16
General market, all types	17-1/16
General market, all types	17-1/16
General market, all types	17-1/16

Pin Ball Drives Them To Drink Or Death

Tokyo, Jan. 4.

Pachinko, current pin-ball game which has already driven countless Japanese to drink, divorce or death, claimed five more victims here.

Mineda Kurpsawa, 32, could not keep away from the local pachinko parlour near his home in Tokyo. The little money he made as a fisherman disappeared. His wife left him.

So Mineda poisoned his four young children and then himself. Tax authorities estimate that the number of pachinko machines in Japan had passed the million mark. — China Mail Special.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$432,648. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANK	1800		
INSURANCES	54	55	200 @ 65
SAVING			
Asia Nav.	1.15		
DOCKERS, ETC.			
Wharfedale	20.00	21 1/2	
Provident	12.00	12.10	500 @ 13
Provident (New)	12.40		
Steel Dock	1.10		
Wharfedale	0.65	0.65	8.00
			1000 @ 8.00
			400 @ 8.00

LAND, ETC.
H.K. Hotel 6 1/2 @ 8.00 @ 8.00
S.K. Hotel 70,000 @ 7.50
Humphreys 16.00
Realty 1.02 1/2 @ 1.02 1/2 @ 1.05

UTILITIES
Tram 20 1/2
P. Tram (O) 14.00 @ 14
C. Light (O) 11.50 @ 11.50
C. Light (N) 11.50 @ 11.50
Electric 20.30 @ 20.30 @ 20.40

STORES, ETC.
Doyle 25.40 @ 25.40 @ 25 1/2
Watson 21.70 @ 21.70 @ 21.80
100 @ 21.70

COTTONS
Ewo 7.40 @ 7.30
Textile Corp. 7.40 @ 7.30

MISCELLANEOUS
Yangtze 6.15

Exchange Rates
Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.74
Sterling note (per £1)	15.12
Indochina rouble (per 100)	20.20
Siam ticals (per 100)	25.75
Singapore (Straits)	1.77
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	7.42

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
Head Office, Montreal

CONDENSED ANNUAL STATEMENT AS AT 30th NOVEMBER, 1953

Assets

Cash, cheques and balances with other banks	\$ 600,920,111.74
Government and other public securities, net exceeding market value	872,141,234.96
Other securities, not exceeding market value	101,501,786.80
Call loans	149,280,473.79
Other loans and discounts	994,885,750.13
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit	51,213,786.75
Other assets	26,183,044.99
	\$2,889,550,189.16

Liabilities

Capital, reserve and undivided profits	\$ 108,299,178.42
Notes in circulation	83,325.04
Deposits	2,734,044,076.82
Letters of credit outstanding	51,213,786.75
Other liabilities	1,018,814.83
	\$2,889,550,189.16

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New Russian Foreign Policy Noted In U.K.

London, Jan. 4.

Many officials here believe Russia is introducing a new foreign policy calculated to stimulate foreign trade in a move which would shift the main emphasis of the cold war in 1954 from the political to the economic front.

While economists were speculating the effects of a possible slump in the U.S. departmental heads here who have analysed recent Soviet documents and events said there was "solid evidence" that Russia wants to move away from economic isolation.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

GETTING COLDER

HE looked as though he had taken the summer winter too seriously and decided temperatures would never fall.

In the dock at Bow Street he wore an open-necked, short-sleeved shirt, no jacket. He rubbed his tattooed arms with his hands, as if he regretted having no coat on—regretted it bitterly.

His name was Henry. In the early hours of that morning, a police officer, sitting in a parked patrol car, had seen him climbing over the wooden gate across the entrance to a shop in the Strand.

Halfway up the gate, Henry abandoned his climb and slouched away. The policeman, who was in plain clothes, left his car, and unobtrusively followed.

DOWN THE STRAND

ANOTHER policeman joined him. The two, and Henry, all went down the Strand. Henry, happily unconscious that he was being followed, led the company past St Martin-in-the-Fields, into St Martin's Lane. Every so often he stopped and put his shoulder to a shop door.

When they had seen enough the officers arrested Henry. "I'm arresting you," one explained, "for being a suspected person, loitering with intent to break into premises."

"Aw, listen," Henry said, "I've not worked for four months."

At Bow Street he pleaded not guilty to the charge, but to another charge of stealing by finding a driving licence, insurance certificate and some correspondence, found in his pockets, he pleaded guilty.

WHY NOT ARREST ME?

THE police told their story to Mr R.H. Blundell, and when he was invited to question them about it, Henry said, in the tone of a man who wonders what he pays his rates for: "You're policemen. If you saw me climbing that gate, why didn't you do your duty and arrest me then?"

"I wasn't sure then, what your intentions were," one of the policemen answered, deadpan.

"But at two o'clock in the morning..."

The officer would not be drawn, and it was Henry's turn to give evidence.

THE JACKET

"LISTENING to those two," he said, declining to take the oath, "all I can say of this trial is that I think it is a farce."

"I'm sorry to hear you say that," said the magistrate, and as Henry seemed to have no more to say, he added, "I'm afraid I find this case proved."

The officer in charge of the case went into the witness-box.

"At the time of his arrest," he said, "this man was wearing a new jacket. That jacket has been sent to the police in the north of England. At a later date, this man will be charged with shop-breaking there. As regards the second charge against him this morning, the driving licence and insurance certificate..."

Those proved all to be part-proceeds of a thieving-raid on a cafe in Kent.

MORE TO FOLLOW

"THERE are 17 previous convictions against this man," said the officer. "He tells me that when he came out of prison last, in September, he got a job as a railway porter in a Cheshire town. I haven't been able to check this, but as he doesn't know what region of the railway the station is, I am doubtful about that job. He says he came to London because he was fed up with the north..."

Mr Blundell turned to Henry. "You could be sent to Sessions for sentence," he said. "But as you have a much more serious charge than this coming up, I shall send you to prison now, for three months."

"Pah," said Henry, impolitely. He went out massaging the goose-drummer from his ears to sit in a cell until it was time to go to prison to collect a new, grey jacket.

'What's Her Line?' Solution

RATINGS AGENT

London Express Service

Economic Aid For Austria Ending

Washington, Jan. 4. The Director of the Foreign Operation Administration, Mr Harold Stassen, announced today that the United States was discontinuing economic aid to Austria.

He told a press conference: "Austria's economic recovery since World War II has progressed so well due to the effective combination of the protective embargo of her own people and United States economic assistance that no direct aid from the United States is required during the current fiscal year."

"This development is yet another indication of the growing economic strength in Western Europe."

Since the start of the Marshall Plan in 1948 the Austrian government has received a total of \$900 million of which \$727 million was direct aid.

But large scale aid has declined steadily as Austria's own war-stricken economy recovered.

Mr Stassen said that approximately \$18 million worth of commodities and equipment authorised out of last year's aid funds were "in the pipe line" and in the process of shipment to Austria, and that the Austrian government would continue to receive American technical assistance for industrial and agricultural production programmes.

He added:

"The achievements of the Austrian government together with those of the other free nations of the world made 1953 the best year economically since the end of World War II."

As a result there will be less need for United States economic aid in most Western European countries during the coming year."

The United States had already discontinued economic aid to four other European countries—Norway, Denmark, Belgium and the Netherlands.—Reuter.

Eisenhower's Broadcast

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public Administration's legislative programme. Many major phases of the national economy and activities of the United States Government will be discussed in this report.

"In the preparation of the programme to be presented in the State of the Union message, I am consulting with many senior members of the Congress and have considered the views of a great many other thoughtful persons."

"And I hope that this programme, because of its purpose of promoting the welfare of all our people, will enlist the support of all of you, regardless of party. It is my earnest hope that the Congress will take effective and constructive steps to enact the measures I will recommend."

The President said that the realities of living such as the schooling, the health and the future of American children and grandchildren "are the deep concern, too, of this (Republican) administration."

—United Press.

RELIEF FUND DONATIONS

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Plane Salvaged From Sea



BIG QUEUES FOR NEW STAMPS

Long queues formed in the hall of the General Post Office this morning to buy the new issue of Queen Elizabeth stamps, which were placed on sale from 8 o'clock.

Many took the opportunity to catch the 9 o'clock delivery.

Menon Denies Reports

Moscow, Jan. 4.

The Indian Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Mr K. P. S. Menon, tonight denied reports that he had discussed with Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, the possibility of Russian military aid for India.

Mr Menon, who saw Mr Molotov for half an hour on Christmas Day, issued his denial in a press statement which said: "My attention has been drawn to reports in an American weekly (Time Magazine) that I was entrusted by the government of India to discuss the possibility of Soviet military aid to India. The story is completely untrue."

"On my return from leave last month I saw the Soviet Foreign Minister but not a word passed between us regarding Soviet military aid to India."

"The suggestion that India might get camouflaged military aid under its recent agreement with the Soviet Union is equally without foundation."

Mr Menon returned to Moscow in December after a month's absence for health reasons.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.03, Melody with the Stars; 6.30, BBC Bandstand-Fairly Aviation (Jacks) Band cond. by Harry Mortimer (BBC); 6.50, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 7.15, Interlude for Rhythm (James Moody and Winifred Davey (Piano); Peter (Drums) (BBC); 7.30, Forces Favourites (London Relay); 8, La Demi-Hour Francaise (Studio); 8.30, "First Fearless" presented by Bernard Hicks (Studio); 9, Time Signal, Rev. Father F. Ryan, S.J. (Studio); 9.30, Quest in the Desert (The Story of a Search for Gold Written by Ralph W. Peterson. Produced by Joe Burroughs (BBC); 10.30, At the Ballet (London Philharmonic Orch. cond. by Eugene Goossens); 10.50, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Item (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music, God Save the Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

Record Flight

Vancouver, Jan. 4. A Canadian Pacific Airlines plane, carrying 37 passengers and a crew of five, today took 34 minutes off the record time for the Honolulu-Vancouver flight.

The DC-6B airliner made the 2,000-mile flight in seven hours 54 minutes. Captain L. A. Elliot of Vancouver, the chief pilot, flew at 19,000 feet—about 8,000 above normal—to take advantage of heavy tail winds. His average speed was 300 miles an hour. A Canadian Airlines plane set the previous record of eight hours 38 minutes on December 17.—Reuter.

Govt House Ceremony

An interesting ceremony took place at Government House yesterday afternoon when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, on behalf of the Government and the people of Hongkong, accepted a cheque from Mr Julian F. Harrington, American Consul-General in Hongkong, for US\$150,000 to augment the fund being raised for the relief and rebuilding of the Shumshuipo fire victims.

This sum of money has been made available through the generosity of the United States Government and has come from funds specially set aside by the American Government for humanitarian assistance to refugees.

The money will be used in accordance with the wishes of the United States Government for the resettlement of persons rendered homeless as a consequence of the fire.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Hearing of committal proceedings against Tse Cho-lau, 40, clerk of Hongkong Electric Company, residing at 25 Spring Garden Lane, first floor, charged with murder, will be heard before Mr J. Pakenham-Walsh at Central on February 24 and 25. It was alleged that on November 9, last year, the defendant murdered Tang Yiu-tok at his (defendant's) residence.

A Royal Air Force Firefly is salvaged from the bottom of the sea at Falknera Rocky Island, near Hydra Island, in the Aegean Sea. The aircraft belonged to the aircraft carrier Theseus and it crashed into the sea during a reconnaissance flight on September 10, 1953. The occupants of the machine, Captain A. F. John Baris and Lieutenant Jolkes Walker, were drowned.—London Express.

Nine On Armed Robbery Charges

Committal proceedings against nine men on armed robbery charges continued before Mr J. Pakenham-Walsh at Central this morning.

The accused were Chan Hung, 27, Li Shum, alias Li Kau-ye, 29, Kwong Sze, alias Sze Ko, 43, Leung Siu-kei, 31, Wong Sze-yu, 36, Wong Kwok-yiu, 28, Wong Shui-man, 22, and Leung Sze, 50.

They were charged with committing the armed robbery at the Nam Shing Goldsmith Shop. The stolen goods consisted of 75 gold chains, 34 plain bangles, 36 flower pendant bangles, 45 gold pendants, two gold brooches, 11 gold wrist watch bands and 50 gold bracelets.

The first three accused were additionally charged with possession of three .38 revolvers and 24 rounds of ammunition without licences.

Chief Inspector A. F. Cockrane conducted the case for the prosecution.

Detective Police constable Kung Yiu Tung testified that on October 11 he was on radio car duty when he received a message to go to 184 Queen's Road Central. As a result of information received there he proceeded to Gough Street where Leung Sze (ninth defendant) approached him.

STOPPED MAN

Witness said that the defendant was wearing a white singlet and Chinese style trousers. Witness then stopped the defendant and asked him if he had seen anyone enter the lane from which the defendant had come. The defendant told him that no one entered the lane.

After this short conversation witness told the defendant to go back to his place as a robbery had taken place at 184 Queen's Road. Witness saw the defendant enter the ground floor of No. 37 Gough Street.

After a while, witness went into 37 Gough Street and saw the ninth defendant run away. Witness gave chase with some other detectives and finally arrested defendant outside house No. 31.

When he went back to 37 Gough Street he heard another detective shout out to them: "There are two men with guns upstairs."

Witness took the defendant back to Central Police Station afterwards. The case is proceeding.

DANGEROUS DRUGS CASE REACHES FINAL STAGES

The trial of two Shanghai men on charges of conspiracy and possession of dangerous drugs reached its final stages at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Crown Counsel, Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, began his closing address to the Jury after the Defence closed with the evidence of the second accused, Wong Kin-ming, 30, chauffeur.

The first accused, Wong Tak-sang, alias Wong Yam, 52, broker, did not say anything nor did he call any witnesses.

The accused are charged with (1) conspiracy on various dates between April 1, 1951, and March 29, 1953, with others not in custody, to manufacture morphine and heroin; (2) conspiracy on various dates in the same period, with others not in custody, to deal in opium, morphine and heroin; (3) possession on March 29, 1953, of 25½ lbs of raw opium, 80½ ounces of diacetyl morphine hydrochloride (heroin), 8 lbs of crude morphine, 18 ounces of impure morphine and 11 ounces of morphine hydrochloride; and (4) possession of 1.7 grammes of raw opium on the same date.

Both accused pleaded not guilty to all counts.

The Prosecution is conducted by Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr W. B. Savage, ASQ, ADC (Kowloon), and Mr Sub-Asst. J. E. H. Hadden. Both accused are represented by Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Hastings and Co.

The trial is before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes and a Jury of six men and a woman.

CROSS-EXAMINED

The second accused, cross-examined by Mr Mayne, disclosed that his employer, Wong Hoi-shan was a relative of the first accused, as was Wong King.

He said that he arrived in Hongkong in 1951 and claimed that he joined the firm of King Wah Co. through his own efforts and not through the first accused. He later drove for Chan Siu-fong of the King Wah Co. and also for Wong King, but not for the first accused. However the first accused borrowed the Studebaker car now and then from his employer, and did so on March 28.

The second accused said that his employer traded in paper and machinery with the mainland of China, but did not deal in opium. The first accused also imported paper from Japan.

He told Mr Mayne that the Studebaker was not kept in the Robinson Road garage but parked near the office in Wing Lok Street. He did not know how the first accused obtained the key to the garage for he had given it to his employer, Mr Chan.

The Police told him that they had information of opium and heroin being kept at either Robinson Road or Kowloon Bay Road, and asked him for the number, said the second accused, denying it was he who told the Police the road. He said he had merely written the number of the garage in Robinson Road and had pointed it out to the Police on the instructions of Ling Sau-yung.

In his statement he mentioned the name Wong, meaning Wong King but the Police wrote the name of the first accused, so he told them he would write the remainder of his statement himself.

ADDRESSES JURY

In his address to the Jury, Mr Mayne stated that he had heard it had been said that a Jury looked to the Judge to tell them whether to bring in a verdict of Guilty or Not Guilty. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Jury were the sole judges of fact and the trial Judge in his summing-up would be guided against telling them his opinion as to the facts. One thing a Judge would not do and that is to tell a Jury to bring in a verdict of Guilty and one of Not Guilty.

Crown Counsel reminded the Jury that neither accused was charged with manufacturing heroin or morphine so that they did not have to be chemists. They were charged with agreeing with others to manufacture the drugs. It was not relevant for the Jury to consider whether or not the garage was a suitable place for the manufacture of drugs. That was not

ARMED ROBBERS FOILED

Fisherman Wounded

Four armed men shot and wounded a fisherman on board his junk in an attempted robbery in Aberdeen near the Police Training School in the early hours of this morning.

The armed men went aboard the junk from a sampan at about 3 a.m. The junk people were aroused and they offered resistance as well as raising the alarm. Then one of the gangsters fired twice at them. The men escaped empty-handed.

The police were summoned, and within two and a half hours four arrests were made in the vicinity. Among the suspects held was a man who was armed with a revolver. The wounded fisherman, Chou Hou-tai, was taken to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

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By Air
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
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Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 a.m.
Indo-China, 8 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 9 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
Formosa, 9 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
North Borneo, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

India, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 11 a.m.
Japan, 12 p.m.
Indo-China, Noon.
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 1 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A. & Philippines, 1 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"H. W. has had him in there an hour—It's either about the new \$50,000 account or the spare he missed bowling against 'Sales' last night!"

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